

STAFF BIO



Alison Moran Thompson, MPA CHIEF ADVANCEMENT OFFICER

Alison Moran Thompson, MPA, serves as chief advancement officer with overall responsibility for the Foundation’s resource mobilization efforts and donor relations strategy. As part of this role, she works strategically with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other public health leaders to address public health priorities and critical needs through philanthropic and public-private partnership engagement. Thompson also leads fundraising efforts for public health emergency response and readiness needs.

Prior to this role, Thompson served as vice president for Advancement at the CDC Foundation where she was responsible for the organization’s public-private partnership and public partnership business development, as well as advancement services.

Thompson has 14 years of nonprofit advancement experience, nine of which were in service to the CDC Foundation’s mission (2011–2020) in various advancement roles, culminating in the associate vice president for Advancement for her last three years. Thompson brings extensive expertise in public-private partnership development in support of national and global public health programs as well as a knowledge of CDC organizational culture, leadership and partner landscape.

Before returning to the CDC Foundation in February 2024, Thompson was at Emory University for four years. There, she first served as the assistant dean of Advancement and Alumni Engagement at the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing, leading all development efforts—including individual, corporate and foundation fundraising; advancement operations; stewardship; alumni engagement; and events—for the University’s top-ranked school during a major fundraising campaign. She also served as senior managing director in the Office of Corporate and Foundation Relations with Emory, overseeing a team focused on partner engagement efforts across the institution’s health sciences and medical enterprise. This work involved holistic engagement of external partners (community, philanthropic and corporate), from driving philanthropic and research dollars for the university to establishing economic engagement, entrepreneurship and student opportunities.

Thompson holds a master’s degree in public administration with a concentration in nonprofit management from Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University, a Bachelor of Arts in English from Davidson College, and has completed coursework towards a master’s degree in public health at Emory University’s Rollins School of Public Health, with a focus on prevention science. Additionally, she serves on the Board of Directors for Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Georgia.