Student Scholarships & Awards

Graduate School of Public Health (GSPH) and University Scholarships

Refer to the Graduate School of Public Health Web site for more information concerning school-wide and University scholarships.

Department of Epidemiology Scholarships

Scholarship Application Deadlines

May 28 annually*

*Exception - Applications to the Evelyn H. Wei Memorial (Travel) Fund or the Epidemiology Global Health Travel Scholarship may be submitted twice annually:

- May 28 – for students anticipating travel to meetings in summer term (May, June, July, or August), or in fall term (September, October, November, or December).

- November 30 – for students anticipating travel to meetings in spring term (January, February, March, or April).

Scholarship amounts

- Scholarship amounts awarded will vary depending upon funding for individual scholarships and number of awards extended. Scholarship values are announced each year by the student services coordinator at least one month prior to the annual scholarship deadline.

Departmental scholarship eligibility

- Individuals applying for scholarships should be students in the Department of Epidemiology. Accepted applicants are eligible for scholarships if they are selected by designated faculty committees.

- **NOTE TO GSRs:**
  - Students who have GSR positions or are trainees are not eligible* for departmental scholarships.

  *Exception - GSRs and trainees whose supervisors have no funding to cover their travel related expenses to approved events and scientific meetings (including American Public Health Association meetings) should request their supervisors to reference this in their scholarship letters of support (see Student Procedures section below) for Evelyn H. Wei Memorial (Travel) Fund and the Epidemiology Global Health Travel Scholarship.
Students receiving an award must have any scholarship funds credited against tuition charges accrued in any term within one year of the scholarship award. If scholarship funds cannot be credited because GSR or trainee funding becomes available and is continuous during this one year period, the award funds must be forfeited so that other students may apply for them.

Scholarship descriptions

Scholarships (with the exception of the Evelyn H. Wei Memorial (Travel) Fund and the Epidemiology Global Health Travel Scholarship) are awarded in the form of tuition credits, typically in fall term.

- **Kuller Scholarship** (recipients are selected by a faculty committee – applications are not accepted)
  - Accepted doctoral program applicants or new doctoral students are eligible, and selected by a faculty committee and the department chair.
  - The recipient is given a Graduate Student Researcher (GSR) position for two terms which will provide coverage of tuition and health insurance expenses as well as a stipend.
  - Selection is based upon Epidemiology Admissions Committee rankings and input.

- **Katherine Detre Scholarship Fund** (recipients are selected by a faculty committee – applications are not accepted)
  - Accepted doctoral program applicants or new doctoral students are eligible. One individual is selected each year by a faculty committee in the Epidemiology Data Center (EDC).
  - Promising accepted doctoral applicants who has already been given a GSR position by a member of the Epidemiology Data Center (EDC) faculty can be considered for this funding. They will receive the scholarship in the form of an increased stipend amount, in addition to tuition coverage and health insurance provided through their GSR.

- **Caggiula Scholarship** (open to continuing student applications as well as faculty nomination)
  - Master’s and doctoral students focusing in the area of nutritional epidemiology, a nutrition-related component of chronic disease, a nutrition-related component of aging, or the evaluation of the epidemiology of a nutrition-related disorder are eligible.
- **Evelyn H. Wei Memorial (Travel) Fund** (open to Epidemiology student applications twice during the academic year unless otherwise announced – refer to Scholarship Application Deadlines section above).
  - Active master’s and doctoral program students in good academic standing seeking travel funding to attend approved scientific meetings or events are eligible.
  - Primary consideration is given to students planning travel to the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association (APHA) typically held in November, although other travel requests will be considered.
  - IMPORTANT NOTE: Students who have received a departmental travel scholarship award within the past 12 months are NOT eligible to apply for a travel scholarship again.

- **Evelyn H. Wei Scholarship Award in Epidemiology** (open to Epidemiology student applications)
  - Active master’s and doctoral program students in good academic standing are eligible.
  - Funding is provided in the form of tuition credit for students studying at any level in the Department of Epidemiology.
  - Awards are based on potential contribution to public health, with emphasis on scholarship, leadership and service.

- **Epidemiology Global Health Travel Scholarship** (open to Epidemiology student applications twice during the academic year unless otherwise announced – refer to Scholarship Application Deadlines section above).
  - Active master’s and doctoral program students in good academic standing are eligible to apply.
  - This scholarship was established primarily to encourage and fund international practicum and internship experiences through travel expense reimbursement, although requests for funding to cover costs associated with international travel to scientific meetings or conferences will also be considered.
    - Student practicum and internship experiences outside the United States must be approved and supported by an Epidemiology faculty mentor.
    - Students requesting funding reimbursement for international travel to meetings and conferences must describe in their applications
why their presence at these events is critical to achieving academic and/or professional goals.

- Approved travel expenses including airfare, ground transportation, visa costs, immunization costs, lodging, and meals will be covered up to the total value of the scholarship award.

- **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Students who have received a departmental travel scholarship award within the past 12 months are **NOT** eligible to apply for a travel scholarship again.

### Application submission and award notification

#### Student procedures:

- Review eligibility and application requirements for the desired scholarship (see the [Scholarship application](#) and [Scholarship descriptions and eligibility](#) sections above for more information).

- Complete a [Departmental Scholarship Application](#).
  - Include letter/memo/e-mail of support from your faculty advisor or research supervisor.
    - Applicants applying to the **Evelyn H. Wei Memorial (Travel) Fund** or the **Epidemiology Global Health Travel Scholarship** who are GSRs or trainees must request their faculty advisors or research supervisors to indicate in their letters/memos/e-mails that funding they are currently receiving cannot cover travel expenses.
  - Sign and date the application.

- E-mail or drop off completed departmental scholarship application to Lori Smith, Student Services Manager & Program Administrator at smithl@edc.pitt.edu or at A537 Crabtree Hall, Graduate School of Public Health
  - It is **not** necessary to obtain the department chair’s signature prior to submitting applications.

#### Notification and processing of awards:

- Notification of final application status will be forwarded to applicants via e-mail by the Epidemiology Student Services Manager & Program Administrator unless otherwise specified. Awards will be processed as follows:
  - **Evelyn H. Wei Memorial (Travel) Fund** and **Epidemiology Global Health Travel Scholarship** recipients will receive reimbursement checks from the University.
• Following their trips, recipients should deliver travel expense receipts up to the total value of their scholarship awards to the Student Services Office, A536 Crabtree Hall.

  o Arlene Caggiula Student Award in Nutrition and Evelyn H. Wei Scholarship Award in Epidemiology recipients will receive tuition credit for course enrollments and/or Full Time Dissertation Research (FTDR) for fall term up to the total value of their scholarship awards.

  • Scholarship awards will not exceed tuition costs associated with this enrollment.

  o The Lewis H. Kuller Scholarship Fund recipients will be contacted with more information about scholarship disbursement.

  o Katherine Detre Scholar Fund award recipients will be contacted by an Epidemiology Data Center faculty or staff member with more information about scholarship disbursement.