2025 PHUSP Application

Start of Block: Application

Application
Pitt Public Health Undergraduate Scholars Program (PHUSP) Application

You must complete and submit this application in one sitting. You will not be able to save your work and go back to it at another time. <u>Please submit only one application to PHUSP</u>.

There several sections to this application:

1. Contact and Demographic Information
2. Education
3. Internship Information
4. Contact Information for Two Recommenders
5. Three Essay Prompts (enter into text boxes)
6. Unofficial Transcript(s) (upload one file)
7. Resume (upload one file)

Please have the contact information for two recommenders, your unofficial transcript and resume files ready to upload.

We recommend preparing your essay responses before proceeding to the application. If you have not prepared your responses, we suggest you exit the application and draft them offline. You can cut and paste your responses into the text boxes.

Note that the use of generative AI is prohibited for writing essay responses. Applications found using generative AI will be disqualified from consideration.

<u>Essay Prompts/Questions</u>
1. Explain your interest in public health and why you would like to participate in PHUSP. Tell us how participating will help you achieve your future academic or career goals. (200 words/1000 character max)

2. PHUSP makes every effort to provide scholars with an internship placement that is a strong match. Matches are based upon each scholar's experience and academic background, preference for a research- vs practice-based experience, and any special skills needed for the internship. What are your expectations for the internship? How would you react or feel if the internship you are matched with does not meet your personal expectations? (200 words/1000 character max)

3. Describe how your identities and experiences have influenced your community service, leadership roles, academic interest and/or research activities. (200 words/1000 character max)

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Application Captcha **Pitt Public Health Undergraduate Scholars Program (PHUSP) Application**

Before you proceed to the survey, please complete the captcha below.

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First Name First Name:

_____

Last Name Last Name:

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Middle Initial Middle Initial: (leave blank if none)

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Preferred Name Preferred Name (if different from above)

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Preferred Pronoun Preferred pronouns:

○ She/her/hers (1)

○ He/him/his (2)

○ They/them/theirs (3)

○ Other (4) _____

○ Prefer not to answer (5)

Contact Information **If you need assistance, please email: PHUSP@pitt.edu**

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Mailing Address Current Mailing Address

○ Street Address (1) _____

○ City (2) _____

○ State (3) _____

○ Zip Code (4) _____

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Current or Permanent Is this your permanent mailing address?

○ Yes (1)

○ No (2)

Display This Question

    If Is this your permanent mailing address? = No

Permanent Address Permanent Mailing Address

○ Street Address (2) _____

○ City (3) _____

○ State (4) _____

○ Zip Code (5) _____

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Primary email Primary Email Address. This email will be used for all communications.

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Alternate email Alternate Email Address

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Mobile phone number Mobile Phone Number

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Age Age

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Gender Gender

○ Male (1)

○ Female (2)

○ Non-binary (3)

○ Transgender (4)

○ Other (5) _____

○ Prefer not to answer (6)

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Ethnicity Do you identify as Hispanic or Latino?

○ Yes (1)

○ No (2)

○ Prefer not to answer (3)

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Race Regardless of your answer to the prior question, please indicate how you identify yourself. (You may select one or more.)

- [ ] American Indian or Alaska Native (1)

- [ ] Asian (2)

- [ ] Black or African American (3)

- [ ] Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (4)

- [ ] White (5)

- [ ] Prefer not to answer (6)

Display This Question:

If Regardless of your answer to the prior question, please indicate how you identify yourself. (You... = White

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White background What best describes your White background? (You may select one or more)

- [ ] Europe (1)

- [ ] Middle East (2)

- [ ] Other (3)

- [ ] Prefer not to answer (4)

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Tribal status Are you an enrolled member of a tribe?

○ Yes (1)

○ No (2)

○ Prefer not to answer (3)

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Primary Language What is the primary language spoken at your home?

○ Arabic (1)

○ Chinese (2)

○ English (3)

○ French (4)

○ French Creole (5)

○ German (6)

○ Korean (7)

○ Russian (8)

○ Spanish (9)

○ Tagalog (10)

○ Vietnamese (11)

○ Other (12)

○ Prefer not to answer (13)

X→

Citizenship/Resident Are you a

◯ US Citizen (1)

◯ Permanent Resident (2)

◯ Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Recipient (3)

◯ None of the above (4)

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End of Block: Demographic Information

Start of Block: Education

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Educational status Please check the box that best describes your current educational status:

◯ Recent graduate of a 2-year community college (Summer 2024, Fall/Winter 2024, or Spring 2025) (1)

◯ Enrolled in a four-year college or university and have completed a minimum of two years of undergraduate study (2)

◯ Recent graduate of a 4-year college or university (Summer 2024, Fall/Winter 2024, or Spring 2025) (3)

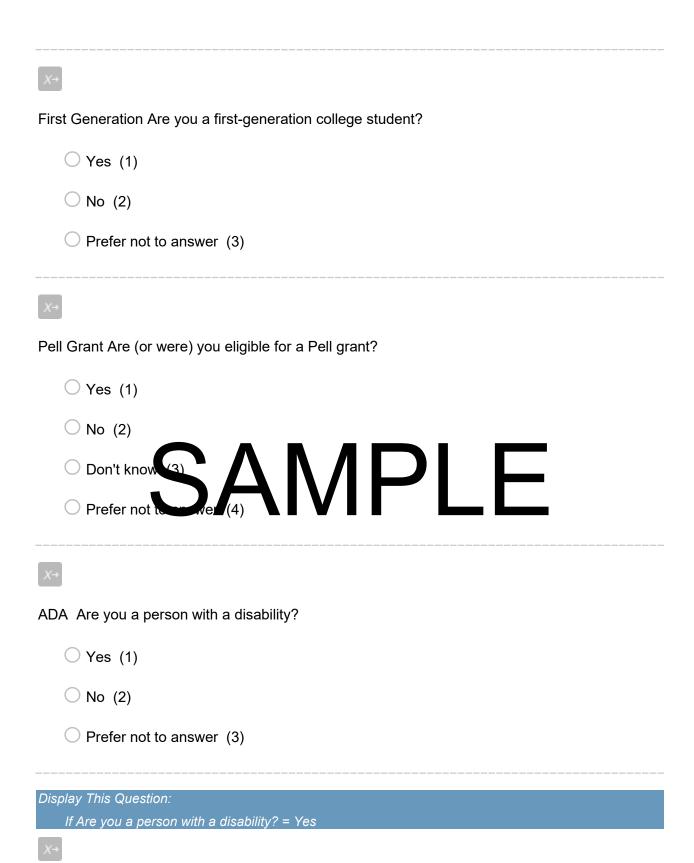◯ None of the above (4)

Display This Question:

If Please check the box that best describes your current educational status: = Enrolled in a four-year college or university and have completed a minimum of two years of undergraduate study

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4-year status What year are you in four-year college or university?

- ◯ First-year student (freshman) (1)

- ◯ Second-year student (sophomore) (2)

- ◯ Third-year student (junior) (3)

- ◯ Fourth-year student (senior) (4)

College/University College/University

- ◯ Name of College or University (3)

  _____

- ◯ City (4) _____

- ◯ State (5) _____

- ◯ Major (6) _____

- ◯ Minor (write "NA" if none) (7)

  _____

- ◯ Anticipated Graduation Date (8)

  _____

GPA What is your current cumulative GPA?

- ◯ Yes (4) _____

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Fall 25 Plans What are your current plans for Fall 2025?

○ Enrolling as an undergraduate student (1)

○ Enrolling in a 4+1 degree program (2)

○ Applying to graduate school (3)

○ Accepted to graduate school (4)

○ Accepted a job (5)

○ Gap year (6)

○ Undecided (7)

○ Other (8)

Display This Question:

If What are your current plans for Fall 2025? = Enrolling in a 4+1 degree program

4+1 degree program What is your field of study for the 4+1 degree program?

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Display This Question:

If What are your current plans for Fall 2025? = Applying to graduate school

Intended Grad School What is your planned field of study for graduate school?

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Display This Question:

If What are your current plans for Fall 2025? = Accepted to graduate school

Enrolled Grad School What is your field of study for graduate school?

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First Generation Are you a first-generation college student?

○ Yes (1)

○ No (2)

○ Prefer not to answer (3)

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Pell Grant Are (or were) you eligible for a Pell grant?

○ Yes (1)

○ No (2)

○ Don't know (3)

○ Prefer not to answer (4)

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ADA Are you a person with a disability?

○ Yes (1)

○ No (2)

○ Prefer not to answer (3)

Display This Question:
   If Are you a person with a disability? = Yes

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ADA accommodation Do you require any accommodation to participate in the 8-week residential program?

○ Yes (1)

○ No (2)

○ Prefer not to answer (3)

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Loans Do you have any student loans?

○ Yes (1)

○ No (2)

○ Prefer not to answer (3)

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Availability Are you able to be in Pittsburgh from June 9 to August 1, 2025 to participate in all PHUSP activities?

○ Yes (1)

○ No (2)

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End of Block: Education

Start of Block: Internship Information

Areas of Interest If accepted to PHUSP, your responses to the following questions will assist us in placing you in an internship.

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Type of Internship Do you prefer a practice-based or a research-based internship?

Practice-based internships typically take place in a public health context at a community-based organization and agency. Research-based internships take place as a part of a public health research project in a university setting. Both types of internships include faculty mentorship. (select one)

○ I prefer a practice-based internship (1)

○ I prefer a research-based internship (2)

○ Either one is fine with me (3)

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Children Some internships involve interacting with children (under the age of 18). Are you comfortable with interacting with children at your internship?

○ Yes, I am fine with interacting with children at my internship, but prefer preschool and elementary age children. (1)

○ Yes, I am fine with interacting with children at my internship, but prefer middle and high school age children. (2)

○ Yes, I am fine with interacting with children at my internship regardless of ages. (3)

○ No, I would prefer not to interact with children at my internship. (4)

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Previous experience Do you prefer an internship that builds upon your previous academic background, jobs, or internships? Note that we will do our best to accommodate your preference, but we cannot guarantee it.

○ Yes, I prefer to have an internship that builds upon my previous experiences. (1)

○ No, I prefer to have an internship that provides a new experience for me. (2)

○ I don't have a preference. (3)

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Public Health Expo Please share your current level of exposure to public health.

○ I have little to no prior exposure to public health. (1)

○ I have some prior exposure to public health. (2)

○ I have a lot of prior exposure to public health. (3)

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Other Internships Please share how many previous public health internships you have held:

○ None (1)

○ 1 (2)

○ 2 or 3 (3)

○ 4+ (4)

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Learned of Program How did you hear about the Pitt Public Health Undergraduate Scholars Program? (check all that apply)

☐ Program website (1)

☐ CDC website (2)

☐ Listserv or distribution list (3)

☐ Social media (4)

☐ Recruiting event at college or university (5)

☐ Recruiting event at community-based organization (6)

☐ Conference booth (7)

☐ Career fair (8)

☐ Printed materials: bulletin boards, fliers, USPS mail (9)

☐ Referral or word of mouth: applicant friend, family, program alumni, professor, university staff, community leader etc. (10)

☐ Other (11) _____

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Display This Question:

If Learn of Program = Referral or word of mouth: applicant friend, family, program alumni, professor, university staff, community leader etc.

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Referral Who referred you to the program? (check all that apply)

☐ College or university faculty or staff (1)

☐ Applicant friend (2)

☐ Program alumni (3)

☐ Community leader (4)

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Social Media Which social media platforms? (check all that apply).

☐ Facebook (1)

☐ Instagram (2)

☐ LinkedIn (3)

☐ X (formally Twitter) (4)

☐ Other (5)

End of Block: Internship Information

Start of Block: Letters of Recommendation

Rec 1 Recommender #1

○ Name (1) _____

○ Title (2) _____

○ Institution/Organization (3)
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○ Email (4) _____

○ Phone Number (5) _____

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Rec 1 validation PHUSP will not send an email or link to recommenders prompting them to submit a recommendation letter. Did you ask your first recommender to email the recommendation letter directly to phusp@pitt.edu no later than January 31, 2025?

○ Yes (1)

○ No (2)

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Rec 2 Recommender #2

○ Name (1) _____

○ Title (2) _____

○ Institution/Organization (3)
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○ Email (4) _____

○ Phone Number (5) _____

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Rec 2 Validation PHUSP will not send an email or link to recommenders prompting them to submit a recommendation letter. Did you ask your second recommender to email the recommendation letter directly to phusp@pitt.edu no later than January 31, 2025?

○ Yes (1)

○ No (2)

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End of Block: Letters of Recommendation

Start of Block: Essay Prompts

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Essay 1 Explain your interest in public health and why you would like to participate in PHUSP. Tell us how participating will help you achieve your future academic or career goals. (200 words / 1000 character max)

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What are your expectations for the internship? How would you react or feel if the internship you are matched with does not meet your personal expectations?
(200 words / 1000 character max)

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Essay 3 Describe how your incentives and experiences have influenced your community service experiences, leadership roles, academic interests and/or research activities
(200 words / 1000 character max)

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End of Block: Essay Prompts

Start of Block: Transcripts

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Transcripts Unofficial Transcript(s) (upload one file as PDF)

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Resume Resume (upload one file as PDF)

Submit By signing below below, I certify all information on this application is accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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