

The BYU Public Health Diversity Scholars Fellowship is to encourage students from diverse populations and underrepresented groups at BYU to participate in mentored public health research. The fellowship provides a unique opportunity for diverse students to accomplish their public health goals and enhance their skills towards becoming influential leaders in the field of public health.

Eligibility Requirements

- Declared BS in Public Health major
- Cumulative college/university GPA of 3.0 - to date
- Completion of HLTH 210 Foundations of Public Health

Diversity Considerations and Preferences

- Member of a group that is underrepresented at BYU. Please note that according to Title VI reviewers cannot legally consider a student's race, color, national origin, or sex when evaluating applications. Rather, reviewers will take a broad view of diversity as outlined in the bullet points herein.
- Overcame substantial educational or economic obstacles, disadvantages, or disabilities
- From low-income or single-parent family
- Demonstrated financial need
- First generation college student where few or no members of family have graduated from a college/university
- From a school district with a high drop-out rate or that has been historically underrepresented in the nation's leading universities and graduate programs

Benefits

- Two semester fellowship award
- \$3152 a semester (fall and winter) scholarship to be used for tuition, living, and housing expenses
- Mentored research opportunities with a public health faculty member
- Regular connection with other Diversity Scholars and their faculty mentors
- Participation in presenting scholarly work through publication, presentation, or other scholarly venue
- Connect with alumni and others who have a diverse background

Expectations/Products

- Maintain regular contact with faculty mentor throughout the fellowship period
- Connection with a community of professionals as facilitated by the faculty mentor
- Committed to working with historically underserved or underprivileged populations
- Register for HLTH 491R Mentored Research (3 credits) fall and winter semester during the fellowship period
- Submit an annual final report that includes a description of the products/outcomes of the mentored research

Application

- Deadline for application: Friday, August 12, 2022

- Complete online application: https://byu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6GwOPysJimE4Nng
- Application includes identification of three public health faculty as potential mentors and why. Public health faculty backgrounds and curriculum vitae are listed here: <https://ph.byu.edu/public-health-faculty-staff>

For more information, contact the Department of Public Health, (801) 422-3082, public-health@byu.edu

Tips for a successful application:

1. Only apply if eligible – make sure you are officially a public health major prior to applying and that you have a 3.0 GPA.
2. Carefully follow instructions in the online application.
3. Make sure your online responses address the questions asked, are well-written, and are presented in an organized way.
4. Remember that reviewers are bound by Title VI regulations when considering your application. Therefore, carefully consider how you describe the diversity you bring to the department without specifically elaborating on federally protected classes like race, color, national origin, or sex (You can review Title VI specifics [here](#)). To be clear, you will want to highlight specific life experiences and perspectives that are less common among BYU students. You might state that “I bring a perspective to campus that is underrepresented given my K-12 experience in poorly-funded urban schools where few students emerge to attend college” or “I am proud of my heritage and thrilled to be the first member of my extended family to attend college.”
5. Take time to explore department faculty interests and consider which faculty members (be sure to name three) that you would like to work with.
6. Begin early. You are likely a great potential applicant, but if you do not submit your application by the deadline, then it will not be reviewed!