



**The Center for Diversity in Public Health Leadership Training
Public Health Leadership and Learning Undergraduate Student Success (PLLUSS)
Program
Frequently Asked Questions**

1. What is the PLLUSS Program?

The PLLUSS Program is a ten-week public health leadership and research program for undergraduate sophomore and junior students minoring or majoring in public health. The PLLUSS program provides students with mentored public health research and community health activities and professional development.

2. What program activities are available to students?

1. Mentored research focusing on health disparities, urban health issues, HIV/AIDS, adolescent health, developmental disabilities, community health, substance abuse treatment and prevention, and child maltreatment and community violence prevention and treatment
2. Seminars in public health research methods, health disparities research, impact of social determinants on health, urban health issues, and public health fellowships and career opportunities
3. PLLUSS faculty mentors for each PLLUSS student
4. Online learning seminars
5. Public health undergraduate degree support
6. Community public health presentations
7. Abstract development
8. Conference participation

3. What are the eligibility requirements of the PLLUSS program?

- Students must be currently enrolled full-time as a sophomore or junior students minoring or majoring in public health.
- Students must have a 3.0 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- Students must be able to commit to the length of the program.
- Students must be U.S. Citizen, U.S. National, Permanent Resident

4. Do students receive a stipend for participating in the PLLUSS program?

Stipend amount is \$3,500

5. I am not an underrepresented student. Can I apply to PLLUSS?

All undergraduate sophomore and junior students minoring or majoring in public with at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4-point scale are welcome to apply.

6. Can international students participate in the PLLUSS program?

International students (i.e., students with F1 or K1 visa) are not eligible to participate in the PLLUSS Program.

7. Are the program dates flexible (i.e., start at a later date)?

All students must be able to commit to the entire program.

8. How does one apply to the PLLUSS program?

The online application is available at KennedyKrieger.org/PLLUSS .

9. Can students without health insurance apply to the PLLUSS program?

Students without health insurance can apply to the PLLUSS program. All accepted students must have health insurance.

10. Are travel and housing costs taken out the stipend?

Housing and round-trip travel for out-of-state scholars is available. Travel and housing costs are NOT taken out of the stipend.

11. During the summer, are meals program sponsored?

Breakfast and lunch is program sponsored during the Baltimore and CDC orientation.

12. Who can write my recommendation letter?

Two letters of reference from professors, clinical advisors, or research advisors at your current university are required. Letters from student teachers are not allowed. Reference format includes a brief questionnaire and up to 850-word letter of recommendation that must be added to the electronic form provided to the referee. **The deadline for recommendation letters is January 31.**

13. Who should recommendation letters be addressed to?

Please address recommendation letters to the PLLUSS Selection Committee.

14. Is there a standard recommendation form to complete?

There is a brief questionnaire and recommending topic areas to address for the letter of recommendation.

15. When should I expect a decision letter?

Decision letters are sent the middle of March.

16. How many hours during the week do student devote to their research project and program activities?

Students devote 40 hours per week to their research project and program activities.

17. How many applicants are selected to participate in the PLLUSS Program?

The number of applicants varies from year to year. Slots are competitive.

18. Where can more information on the PLLUSS program be found?

Please visit our website, KennedyKrieger.org/PLLUSS, for more information on the PLLUSS program.

**All program activities are contingent on CDC funding.
Address additional questions to PLLUSS@kennedykrieger.org**