

# Public Health Leadership and Learning Undergraduate Student Success (PLLUSS) Program

## Who We Are

The Public Health Leadership and Learning Undergraduate Student Success (PLLUSS) Program is a ten-week public health leadership and research program. As part of the Center for Diversity in Public Health Leadership Training, the goal of the PLLUSS Program is to promote student enrollment in public health graduate and professional schools, with special emphasis on continuing research and practice in the area of promotion of health equity. The PLLUSS Program provides scholars with mentorship, public health research and community health activities, and professional development, especially in the area of health promotion, social justice, and the elimination of health disparities research. PLLUSS scholars will participate in a comprehensive educational and applied public health learning experience that will enhance their ability to successfully transition to graduate and professional school, and ultimately to a career in public health. The PLLUSS Program is for undergraduate sophomore and junior students minoring or majoring in public health with at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4-point scale.

## Our Partners

The PLLUSS Program is conducted at three collaborative research sites:

- Kennedy Krieger Institute and Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions
- University of Cincinnati and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
- California State University-Los Angeles.

## Program Activities

Scholars will be paired with a research mentor based on the interests expressed in their application. Scholars will work with their mentor to develop a research question. Available research topics include health disparities, urban health issues, HIV/AIDS, adolescent health, developmental disabilities, community health, substance abuse treatment and prevention, cancer prevention, and child maltreatment and community violence prevention and treatment.

- Scholars will be mentored to complete an abstract and manuscript draft through participation in weekly seminars.
- Scholars will present their research and public health topic at the end of the summer.



- Scholars will submit their research to a scientific meeting with the sponsorship of the PLLUSS Program.
- Scholars will participate in educational seminars in public health research methods, health disparities research, impact of social determinants on health, and urban health issues.
- PLLUSS faculty will provide small group professional and public health skill development.

Students will receive a stipend, travel support to the research site, CDC, and a public health conference, and lodging as needed, based on available funding.

## Contact and Application Information

Application information is available on the Kennedy Krieger website, **KennedyKrieger.org/PLLUSS**. Application must be submitted by January 31.

Questions: **PLLUSS@KennedyKrieger.org** or **443-923-5901**

For general Kennedy Krieger Institute information, visit **KennedyKrieger.org** or call **888-554-2080**.

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Shouldn't we all have the chance to achieve it?