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.

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