



Summer Global Public Health Research Program

Program Description and FAQs

Application due date: January 20, 2026

2026 Program Dates: June 8 – July 31, 2026

Students enrolled in our Summer Global Public Health Research Program gain knowledge, conduct real-world practice and research, receive career counseling, and build a network of colleagues through collaboration with public and global health experts at WashU.

During the 8-week program students will:

Work with experienced investigators. Students will be matched with a faculty member and receive career counseling

Build a network. Students will leave with new connections to student peers, WashU faculty and staff engaged in public and global health.

Gain practical research skills. Students find solutions to pressing challenges in public and global health.

The Program

- Students participate in research in a lab or field-based setting
- Participants are expected to pursue their research training full time—defined as 40 hours per week—and attend all program events
- The eight-week program concludes with a symposium featuring student presentations on their work
- Scholars attend seminars, workshops and sessions on public health, global health, general science, and career development

Program Benefits

- Participants receive compensation for their time
- If needed while enrolled, participants receive support for travel to and from St. Louis as well as lodging

- Students receive a free Metrolink transit pass

Eligibility

- Open to national and international students who are full-time college undergraduate, graduate, or professional students at a U.S.-based institution
- Students with a robust interest in global public health research
- Previous research experience is not required

APPLY HERE - Applications are due on January 20, 2026.

*(if the link does not work copy and paste the following URL in your browser:
<https://redcap.link/GPH2026>)*

Please review the frequently asked questions for more information. If you need additional clarification or have a question not listed please contact globalhealthfutures@wustl.edu.

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This list of frequently asked questions is intended to be a helpful guide for those interested in applying to participate in the Summer Global Public Health Research Program. If you need additional clarification or have a question not listed here, please contact globalhealthfutures@wustl.edu

1. Do Summer Global Public Health Research Program students get paid?
Yes, undergraduate students receive \$4,000 and graduate students receive \$4,392 over the course of the program.
2. I am an undergraduate senior graduating in May of 2026, can I still apply for the program?
It depends. Seniors graduating in May of 2026 are welcome to apply for the Summer Global Public Health Research Program if they intend to be enrolled in an accredited 2+ year graduate/health professions program for Fall of 2026. The Summer Global Public Health Research Program will ask for proof of acceptance before the beginning of our 8-week program. Please reach out to our program staff (globalhealthfutures@wustl.edu) if you have questions about your specific eligibility.
3. Can I attend the program virtually?
No. Students are required to be in St. Louis for the entire 8-week program.
4. Does the program provide housing?
Yes. The Summer Global Public Health Research Program provides an on-campus housing option to all participating students free of charge.
5. Can I look for alternative housing in St. Louis and will the Global Public Health Research Program pay for it?
Yes. Students are not obligated to use the on-campus housing option if they feel that a separate option will be better suited for their needs. Please reach out to program staff at globalhealthfutures@wustl.edu to discuss your specific situation.
6. Does the program provide free transportation?
Yes. The Summer Global Public Health Research Program will provide you with a pass for the Metro transportation system. This includes a convenient light rail train that follows a direct line from the on-campus housing option to the medical campus, as well as free passage on any Metro bus.

7. I have a car that I plan on using during the program. Will I need a parking pass?
Yes. The Summer Global Public Health Research Program will reimburse you for an on-campus parking pass either for the Danforth or Medical campus for the 2-month program duration.
8. Will the program pay for my transportation to St. Louis at the beginning of the program and back home after the program?
Yes. The Summer Global Public Health Research Program will coordinate your flight to St. Louis at the beginning of the program and from St. Louis at the end of the program. If you plan on driving to and from St. Louis for the program, we will reimburse your travel at the federal mileage rate up to the airfare equivalent.
9. Does the program cover meals and other expenses?
No. The Summer Global Public Health Research Program does not cover food or other personal expenses.
10. I am an international student authorized to work/study in the United States, can I apply to the Summer Global Public Health Research Program?
Yes. U.S. Citizens, Permanent Residents, and any student authorized to work/study in the United States (F-1, J-1, and similar non-immigrant visas) are welcome to apply for the program.
11. I am a U.S. citizen studying and getting my degree abroad, can I apply to the Summer Global Public Health Research Program?
No. Only students enrolled as full-time students at a U.S.-based institution are eligible to apply to the Summer Global Public Health Research program.
12. I am a veterinary medicine student interested in applying to the Summer Global Public Health Research Program. Am I eligible?
Yes. Any student enrolled in a four-year undergraduate program or a 2+ year graduate program is eligible. Graduate programs include but are not limited to: Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Nursing, Medicine, Optometry, Veterinary Medicine, Dentistry, Osteopathy, Public Health, Pharmacy, Social Work, Law, or other PhD programs.
13. Can I take another summer course online at the same time that I'm in the Summer Global Public Health Research Program?
No. The Summer Global Public Health Research Program does not allow other courses or classes to be taken during your 8-week program participation. The time commitment while you are in the program is that of a full-time equivalent position (~40 hours a week).
14. Do I need to be a STEM major to apply?
No. The Summer Global Public Health Research Program will consider all eligible students regardless of major area of study. If you demonstrate

interest in pursuing a career in public and global health and other eligibility criteria are met, you will be considered for the program.

15. Do I need a certain GPA to be considered for the program?

No. The Summer Global Public Health Research Program has a holistic approach to considering applications and does not have a minimum GPA requirement for students.

16. I am a freshman and will finish my first year right before the start of the program and I have no research experience. Will this negatively impact my application?

No. The Summer Global Public Health Research Program considers applications on a case-by-case basis and does not have a minimum research experience criterion. We evaluate research experience against your academic career when reviewing applications. First year undergraduate students often do not have the ability to engage in meaningful research, and we recognize that. The program strives to be an opportunity to participate in research for students interested in pursuing careers in public and global health.

17. Will there be any field-work opportunities?

Mentors may offer opportunities for field-work **at their discretion**. The Summer Global Public Health Research Program does not guarantee field-work opportunities. Note that students must work with their mentor to arrange the proper training and clearance before interacting with any research participants.

18. If I want to continue working with my mentor after the program is done. Is there any way I can do this?

The Summer Global Public Health Research Program takes place over 8-weeks in the summer and once those 8-weeks are finished, the program and all related funding/support come to an end. The decision to continue working beyond those 8-weeks is ultimately up to the discretion of you and your mentor.