Paid Internship Program Information Session

GET PHIT

Gaining Equity in Training for Public Health Informatics and Technology

Goals of Today's Meeting

- Share the GET PHIT paid internship opportunities for students
- Provide details about the application process

PHIT Grant Goal

Public Health Informatics and Technology (PHIT) Workforce Development Program

4-Year Funding Opportunity

Goal: To prioritize the training of at least 4000 underrepresented minorities in the areas of public health informatics and technology to improve the nation's public health workforce.

PHIT Workforce Program Awardees

- Bowie State University, Bowie, MD

- California State University, Long Beach Research Foundation, Long Beach, CA

- Dominican College of Blauvelt, Inc., Orangeburg, NY

- Jackson State University, Jackson, MS

- Norfolk State University, Norfolk, VA

- Regents of The University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

- The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, Houston, TX

- University of Massachusetts at Lowell, Lowell, MA

- University of California, Irvine, Irvine, CA

- University of the District of Columbia, Washington, DC

GET PHIT Consortium Members

Huston-Tillotson University	Prairie View A&M University	Texas A&M International University	Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
The University of Texas Permian Basin	University of Texas at Arlington	The University of Texas at El Paso	The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Public Health

The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Biomedical Informatics	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley **UTRGV**	Texas Southern University

GET PHIT UTRGV Team

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Elements of the GET PHIT Grant

Curriculum Development and Review

Student Training (through curriculum and bootcamps)

Bootcamp: Recruit (all four years)/UTRGV to Host (2024)

Job/Internship Placement Assistance

Internships

- Internship Characteristics
  - 160-hour part-time **paid** internship in public health informatics within health departments, non-profits, or health systems
    - Spring/Fall: 12 weeks, 13.3 hrs./week
    - Summer: 10 weeks, 16 hrs./week
  - Stipends range: $2,440 - $3,000 based on education and skill
    - All stipends are paid for by the GET PHIT Consortium
  - May be remote/in-person/hybrid depending on site
  - Open to both undergraduate and graduate UTRGV students

Internships

- Eligibility
  - Any enrolled UTRGV student who
    - Has a strong interest in public health informatics and data science
    - Has participated in a GET PHIT bootcamp, OR other eligible program of study/courses
  - GPA of 3.0 or above preferred
  - Students from underrepresented minorities are strongly encouraged to apply

- Three opportunities every year:
  - Summer: Early Jun – Mid Aug
  - Fall: Early Sep – Early Dec
  - Spring: Early Feb – Early May

Student Stipend Amounts

Student Academic Level	Stipend Amount* (per hour | total)
Undergraduate	$15.25|$2,440
Recent Bachelors	$16.00|$2,560
Completed 1 to 2 semesters of graduate school	$17.00|$2,720
Completed 3 to 5 semesters of graduate school	$18.00|$2,880
Completed 6 semesters or more of graduate school	$18.75|$3,000

*Based on NIH Monthly stipend: based on 40 hours per week – minimum 8 weeks. $3,000 per month = $18.75 per hour
https://www.niehs.nih.gov/careers/research/summers/salary/index.cfm

UTRGV Student Internship Opportunities

- Internship Information Sessions
  - Wednesday, 2/15 @ 2:00 PM
    - EHABW 2.228, Dean's Conference Room, Edinburg
    - Zoom: https://utrgv.zoom.us/j/4467595342
  - Wednesday, 2/22 @ 2:00 PM
    - BMSLC 3.225, Conference Room, Brownsville
    - Zoom: https://utrgv.zoom.us/j/4467595342
  - Thursday, 3/9 @ 11:00 AM
    - Zoom: https://utrgv.zoom.us/j/4467595342
- **Summer 2023 Internships**
  - Early June to mid August
  - **Application Deadline = April 1**
- Fall 2023 Internships
  - Early September to early December
  - Application Deadline = July 1

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GETPHIT
Gaining Equity in Training for Public Health Informatics and Technology

GET PHIT WILL PROVIDE ELIGIBLE STUDENTS WITH PAID INTERNSHIPS WITHIN HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, NON-PROFITS, AND HEALTH SYSTEMS EVERY SEMESTER.

The Gaining Equity in Training for Public Health Informatics and Technology (GET PHIT) Consortium, led by UTHealth School of Public Health and School of Biomedical Informatics in partnership with HBCUs, HSIs, and other university partners, and state and local public health agencies across Texas is focused on reducing the nation's health inequities by expanding the number of public health professionals from underrepresented groups trained in public health informatics and technology.

The GET PHIT internship is a 160-hour part-time paid internship relevant to public health informatics. Students will receive a stipend ranging from $2,440 - $3,000 based on education and skill.

Eligibility:
- Must be a student from a GET PHIT participating institution
- Must participate in a GET PHIT boot camp, approved program, and/or course
- Have a strong interest in public health informatics and data science

Students from underrepresented minorities are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to apply. Additional information about the GET PHIT program can be found online HERE

APPLICATIONS OPEN FEBRUARY 1

Semester*	Internship Dates**	Application Deadline
Summer 2023	Early June to Mid August	April 1, 2023
Fall 2023	Early September to Early December	July 1, 2023

*GET PHIT internships will be available every semester through 2025. Check back for updates to the schedule for future semesters.
**Specific start dates may vary and will depend on internship sites and processing.

HAVE A QUESTION? SEND US AN EMAIL! GETPHITINTERNSHIPS@UTH.TMC.EDU

Poster 2 (Right)

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PAID INTERNSHIPS

When

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How to Apply?

To apply visit the GET PHIT Internship webpage.

More Information and Guidance on Application

UTRGV GET PHIT Information Session 1

When: Wednesday, February 15, 2 pm – 3 pm
Where: Hybrid
- EHABW 2.228, Dean's Conference Room, Edinburg
- Zoom: https://utrgv.zoom.us/j/4467595342

UTRGV GET PHIT Information Session 2

When: Wednesday, February 22, 2 pm – 3 pm
Where: Hybrid
- BMSLC 3.225, Conference Room, Brownsville
- Zoom: https://utrgv.zoom.us/j/4467595342

UTRGV GET PHIT Information Session 3

When: Thursday, March 9, 11 am – 12 pm
Where: Virtual
- Zoom: https://utrgv.zoom.us/j/4467595342

Questions?

Send us an email:
UTRGV.GETPHIT@utrgv.edu OR
GETPHITInternships@uth.tmc.edu

Visit the GET PHIT website (https://www.uth.edu/get-phit/) or the UTRGV GET PHIT website

What Is It?
- A 160-hour part-time **paid internship** in public health informatics within health departments, non-profits, or health systems.
- Students will receive a stipend ranging from $2,440 - $3,000 based on education and skill.

Who Is Eligible?
Any enrolled UTRGV student who
- Has a strong interest in public health informatics & data science
- Has participated in a GET PHIT Bootcamp OR is part of an approved course or program in health professions, engineering, computer science, mathematical and statistical sciences, information systems, etc.

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To apply, scan the QR code or visit the GET PHIT Internship webpage

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A Few of the Internship Host Sites

Health Departments	Non-Profits & Health Systems
City of Brownsville	RTI, International
City of El Paso	Harris Health System
City of Houston	MD Anderson Cancer Center
City of Laredo	Houston Food Bank
City of Lubbock	Children at Risk, Center for Social Measurement and Evaluation
Cameron County	PCCI (Parkland Center for Clinical Innovation)
Dallas County	Texas Action for Healthy Kids/TX SHAC Network
Harris County	Center for Urban Transformation
Tarrant County	New Hope Housing, Inc.
Texas Department of State Health Services	

Student Skills/Possible Projects

Data cleaning

Database development

Data collection

Data analysis

Data visualization

Data programming

Host Sites Requirements and Expectations

- Host sites will have an executed agreement with UTHealth Houston before a student is placed.

- During the application period, host sites will review student resumes and provide a final decision by the date given.

- Each host site will have a main point of contact and supervisor/mentor who will onboard and oversee the intern.

- Host sites will provide support to interns in the following ways:
  - Have regular check-ins
  - Invite interns to team meetings and encourage them to ask questions
  - Learn about their future interest in public health & data equity
  - Allow opportunities to attend GET PHIT workshops & trainings
  - Foster a learning environment where students can gain and strengthen skills

Feedback from Interns and Host Sites

I loved the internship experience. It was a unique experience that really helped me understand public health departments and how they operate.

Aubrie created a wonderful manual of procedures for our wastewater surveillance pilot project, which is being used this fall by a new intern and a Fellow to learn how to perform weekly surveillance updates.
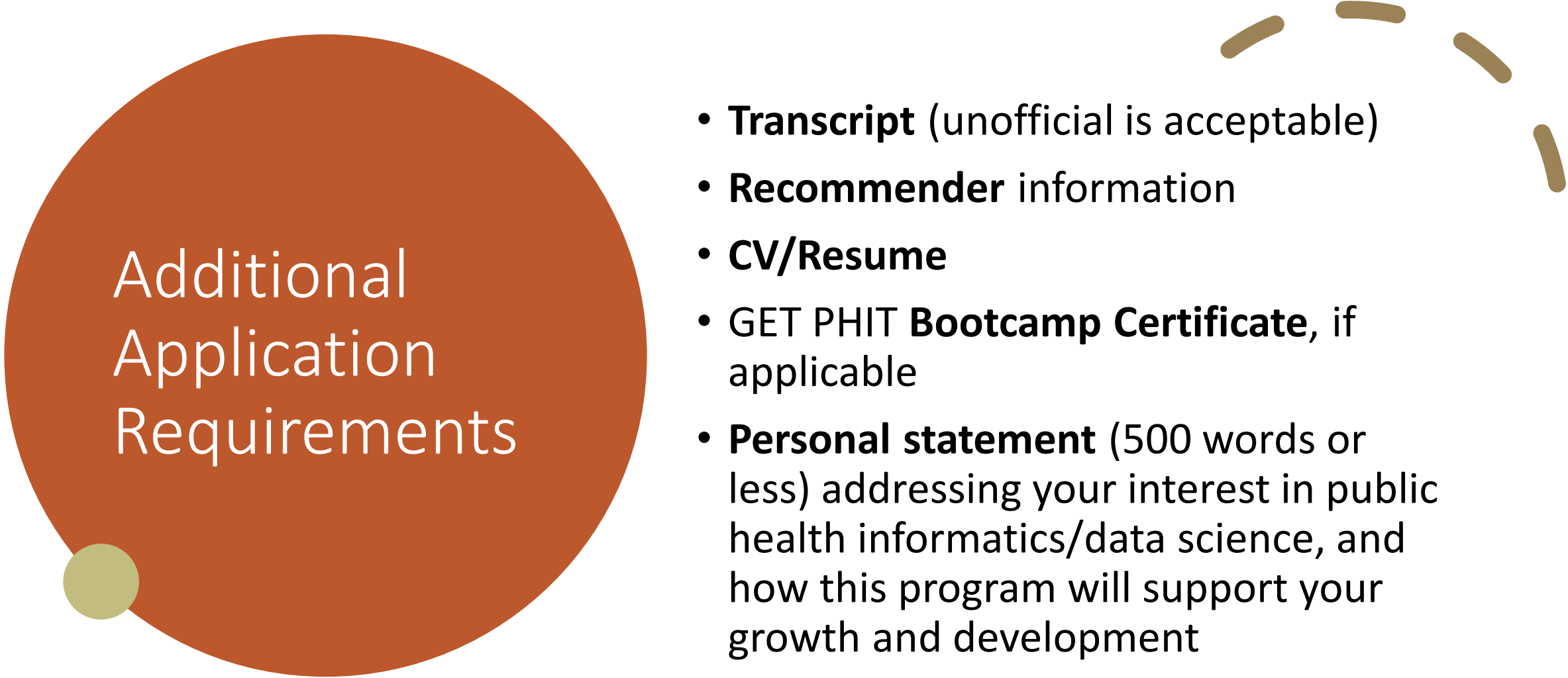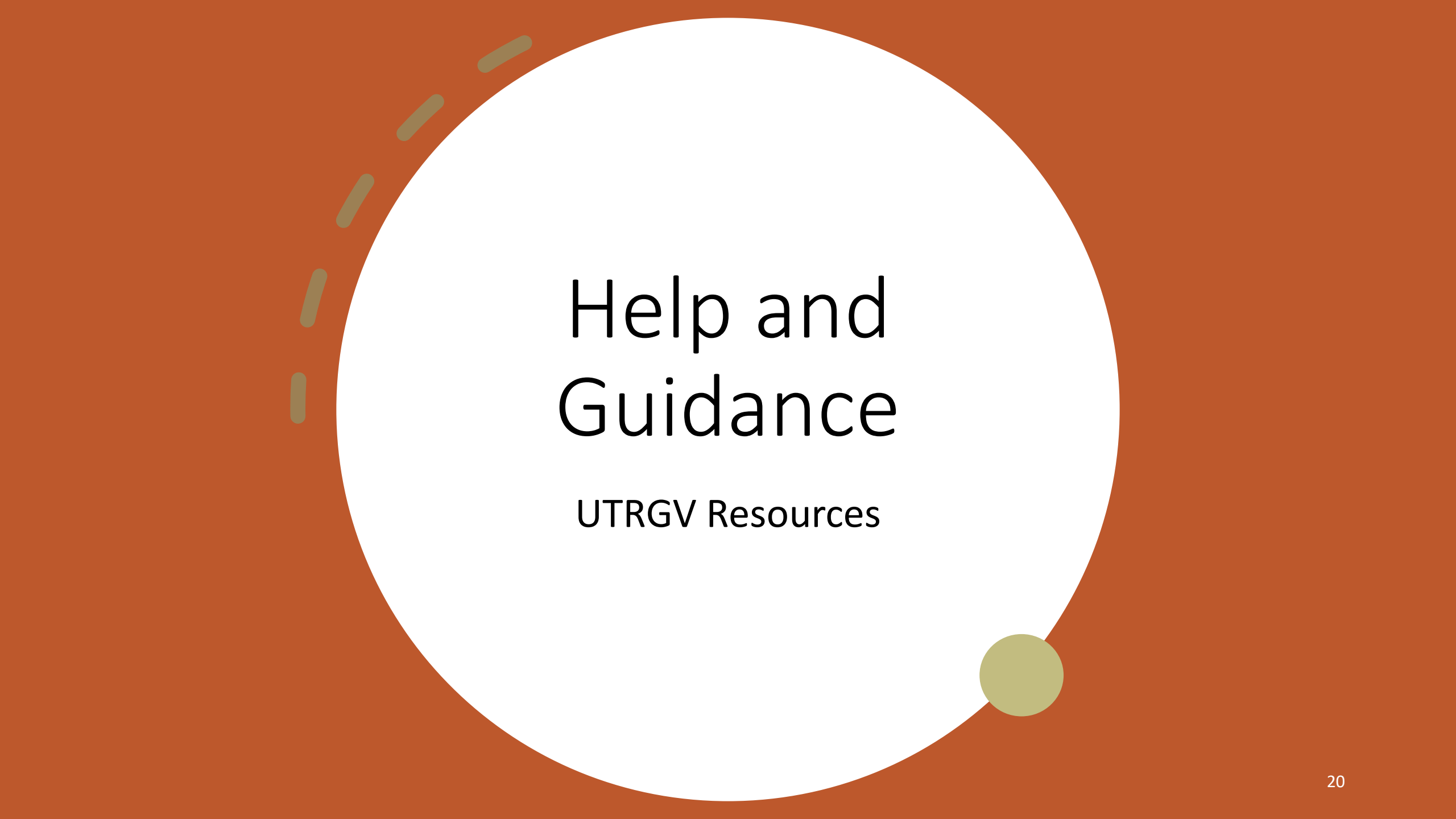
Carmen was a valuable asset to the THCIC team. She participated in weekly team meetings and added critical insight and opinion for someone who was brand new to our process.

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Internship Application

How to Apply?

- Visit the GET PHIT [website](https://www.uth.edu/get-phit/) (https://www.uth.edu/get-phit/)
- Click on the Internships tab at the top
- Click on the Apply Now button
- Fill the required information
- *Which affiliated GET PHIT university are you a part of*?
  - Select UTRGV
- Make sure to answer all questions so that you can submit your application.

Additional Application Requirements

- **Transcript** (unofficial is acceptable)
- **Recommender** information
- **CV/Resume**
- GET PHIT **Bootcamp Certificate**, if applicable
- **Personal statement** (500 words or less) addressing your interest in public health informatics/data science, and how this program will support your growth and development

Help and Guidance

UTRGV Resources

Help and Guidance — Transcripts

- UTRGV students can request an **official transcript** using the [online ordering service](). Students must be free of financial debt with the institution in order to have an official transcript released.

- **Unofficial transcripts** are available to current UTRGV students via [ASSIST]().
  1. Log in to [my.utrgv.edu]()
  2. Open ASSIST from the Applications section
  3. Select the Student Profile tab
  4. Select Academic Record
  5. Select the transcript level, and transcript type

- Note that the GET PHIT internship application accepts official and unofficial transcripts.

Help and Guidance - Resume

The UTRGV Career Center and their Career Advising/Education Team provide outstanding support in career development including CV/resume building, professional correspondence, networking, interviewing, and more.

To get help preparing your resume, you can
- Schedule an appointment with Center advisors via Handshake, or
- Visit during the Center's Drop-In Hours

Help and Guidance - Recommender

- All you need to do is to provide the name and contact information of a recommender who can attest to your skills, leadership, character, etc.
- The recommender can be a faculty member, professional colleague, or employer.
- Get the recommender's permission to provide their name and contact information. Let them know what you're applying for and if they would agree to be listed as a recommender.
- The GET PHIT Program will send the recommender a short survey to complete.

Help and Guidance — Personal Statement

- In your personal statement (500 words or less), address your interest in public health informatics, data science, and/or other relevant topics, and how the GET PHIT internship program will support your growth and development.

- We highly recommend that you utilize the services of UTRGV's Writing Center to review your personal statement.

- The center provides
  - In-person consultations
  - Zoom writing consultations
  - Review of any document you send within 24-48 hours

Expected Timeline: Summer 2023 Internships

Application Deadline	**April 1, 2023**
Student matching finalized	By mid April
Host sites will accept students	By early May
Expected start and end dates	Early June – mid August

Start Today!

- It will allow you enough time to prepare the supporting documentation and seek/receive feedback (resume, personal statement).

- It will allow you time to identify questions and reach out.

Stronger Application!

Questions?
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