

# Paid Internship Program Information Session

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# Meeting Goals

- Share the GET PHIT paid internship opportunities for students
- Provide details about the application process
- Hear from UTRGV GET PHIT Interns



# 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

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- 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

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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

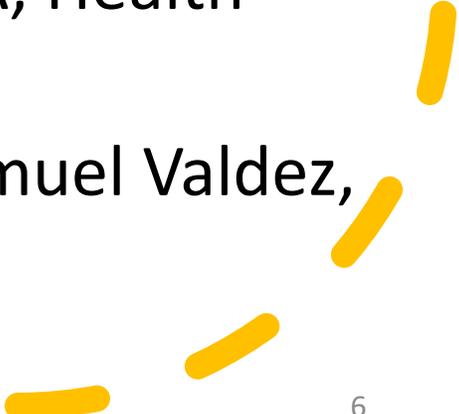
The University of Texas  
Health Science Center  
at Houston School of  
Biomedical Informatics

**The University of Texas  
Rio Grande Valley**

Texas Southern  
University



# UTRGV Team GET PHIT

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# Elements of the GET PHIT Grant

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**Curriculum Development and Review**

**Student Training (through curriculum and bootcamps)**

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

**Job/Internship Placement Assistance**

# Job and Internship Placement Assistance

- Internship Characteristics
  - 160-hour part-time **paid** internship in public health informatics within health departments, non-profits, or health systems
    - 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

# Internship Information

- **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



APPLICATION AND INFORMATION:  
[WWW.UTH.EDU/GET-PHIT/](http://WWW.UTH.EDU/GET-PHIT/)

## 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 may only participate in the GET PHIT internship program for one semester
- Students from underrepresented minorities are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to apply. Additional information about the GET PHIT program can be found online [HERE](#)

APPLY TODAY!



HAVE A QUESTION?  
 SEND US AN EMAIL!

[GETPHITINTERNSHIPS@UTH.TMC.EDU](mailto:GETPHITINTERNSHIPS@UTH.TMC.EDU)

Semester*	Internship Dates**	Application Deadline
Fall 2023	Early September to Early December	July 1, 2023
Spring 2024	Early January to Early May	October 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.



## PAID INTERNSHIPS

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### How to Apply?

To apply visit the [GET PHIT Internship webpage](#).

### More Information and Guidance on Application

Attend UTRGV Info Session	View Prior Recording
When: Thursday, June 8, 6 – 7 PM Where: Zoom <a href="https://utrgv.zoom.us/j/84124338722">https://utrgv.zoom.us/j/84124338722</a>	

### Student Skills/Possible Projects

Internships may be remote/in-person/hybrid depending on site.



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

### Questions?

Send us an email: [UTRGV.GETPHIT@utrgv.edu](mailto:UTRGV.GETPHIT@utrgv.edu) OR

[GETPHITInternships@uth.tmc.edu](mailto:GETPHITInternships@uth.tmc.edu)

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



The Gaining Equity in Training for Public Health Informatics and Technology (GET PHIT) Consortium plans to train 1,400 students predominantly from underrepresented groups and 500 public health, clinic, and academic professionals, while placing 400 students in internships. Led by The University Texas of Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth) School of Public Health (SPH) and School of Biomedical Informatics (SBMI), the GET PHIT Consortium is collaborating with Huston-Tillotson University (HBCU); Prairie View A&M University (HBCU); Texas A&M International University (HSI); Texas Tech University Health Science Center; The University of Texas at Arlington (HSI); The University of Texas at El Paso (HSI); The University of Texas Permian Basin (HSI); and The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (HSI). The Consortium is funded by a grant from the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC HIT).



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

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### 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.



UTRGV  
Student  
Internship  
Opportunities

- Internship Virtual Information Session
  - Thursday, 6/8/23 @ 6:00 PM (Central)
- Fall 2023 Internships
  - Early Sep. to Early Dec.
  - **Application Deadline = July 1**

# Possible Internship Sites

## Health Departments

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City of Brownsville

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City of El Paso

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City of Houston

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City of Laredo

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City of Lubbock

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Cameron County

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Dallas County

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Harris County

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Tarrant County

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Texas Department of State Health Services

## Non-Profits & Health Systems

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RTI, International

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Harris Health System

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MD Anderson Cancer Center

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Houston Food Bank

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Children at Risk, Center for Social Measurement and Evaluation

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PCCI (Parkland Center for Clinical Innovation)

# Student Skills/Possible Projects



Data cleaning



Database  
development



Data analysis



Data  
visualization

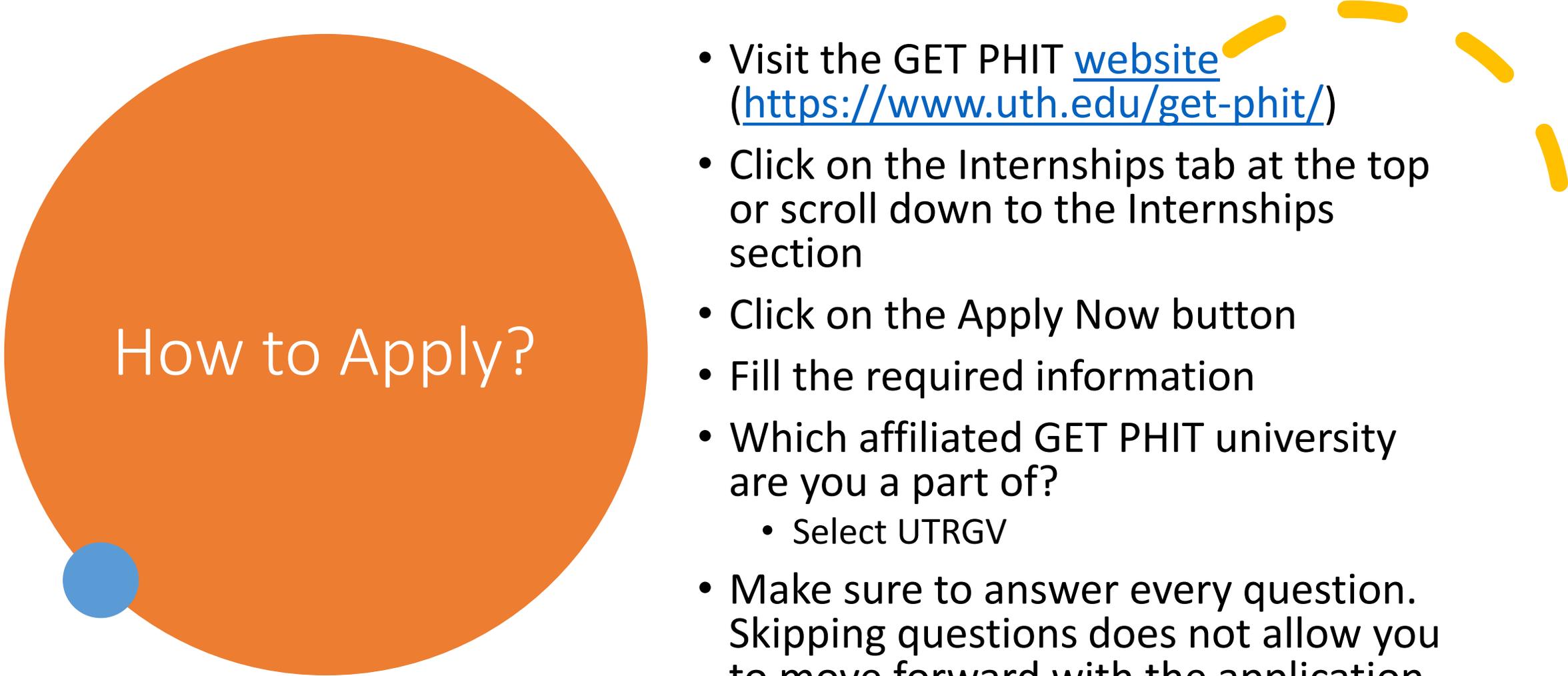


Data  
programming

# Internship Application

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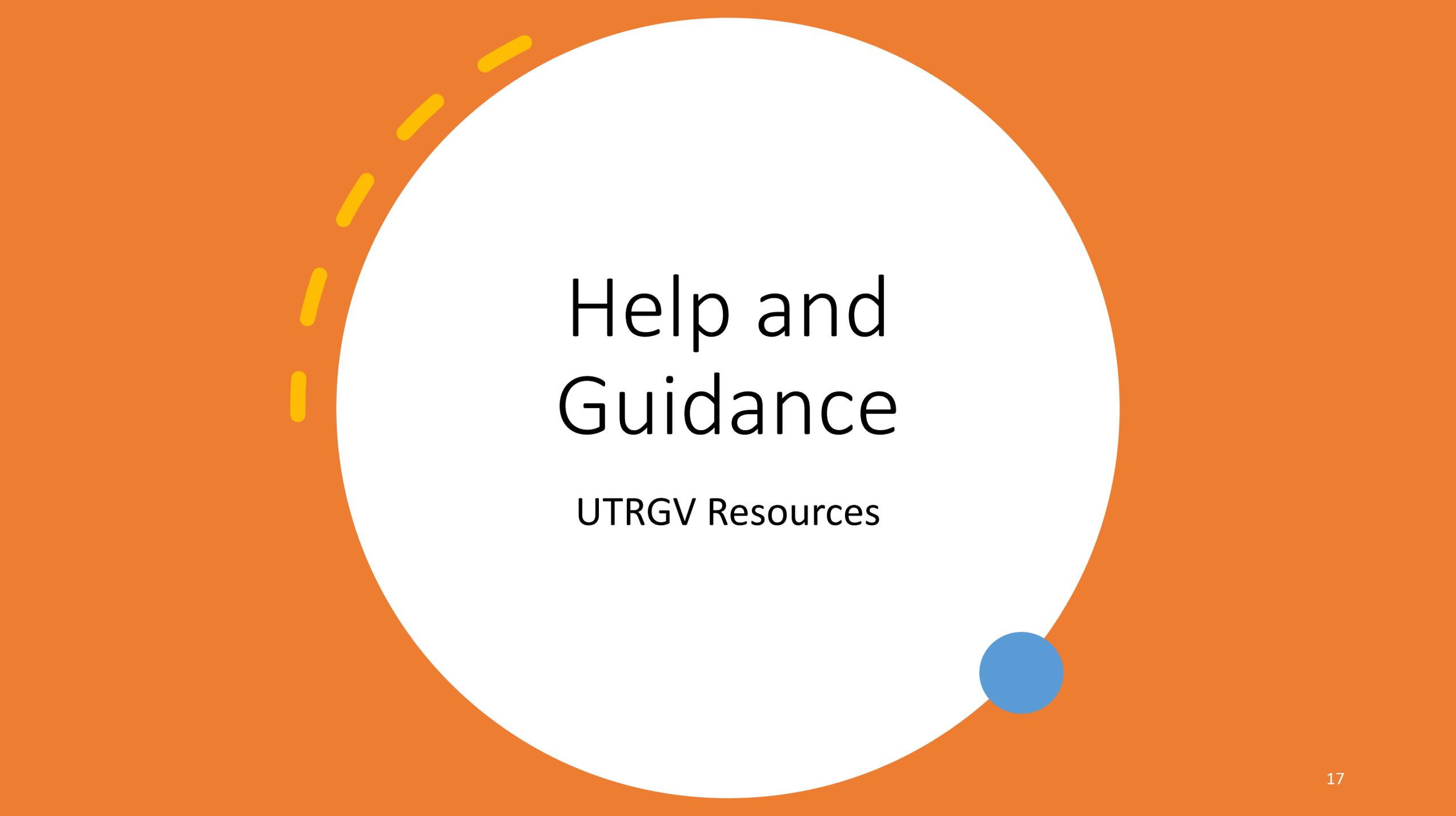
## How to Apply?

- 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 or scroll down to the Internships section
- 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 every question. Skipping questions does not allow you to move forward with the application



## Additional Application Requirements

- Transcript (unofficial is acceptable)
- Recommender information
- Resume
- GET PHIT bootcamp certificate, if applicable
- Written statement of intent 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 ONLY 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
- The GET PHIT Program will send the recommender a survey to complete.

# Help and Guidance – Personal Statement

- In your personal statement, 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



# Roundtable Session

UTRGV GET PHIT Interns

# Welcome!

- Rejoice Akujuaobi, Summer 2023 GET PHIT Intern
- Anna Schermuly, Summer 2023 GET PHIT Intern
- Tatiyana Worgu, Spring 2023 GET PHIT Intern

# Questions?

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# Contact Information

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    - [getphitinternships@uth.tmc.edu](mailto:getphitinternships@uth.tmc.edu)
- Visit
  - [GET PHIT Internship webpage](#)
  - [UTRGV GET PHIT webpage](#)
    - For more information, including, these slides.

