Paid Internship Program Information Session

Meeting Goals

- 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	University of Texas at Tyler

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Elements of the GET PHIT Grant

Curriculum Development

Bootcamps

Paid Internships

Internship Information

- 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
- Two remaining opportunities
  - **Spring 2025: Early Feb – Early May**
  - Summer 2025: Early Jun – Mid Aug

Internship 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

Possible Internship Sites

Health Departments
City of Brownsville
City of El Paso
City of Houston
City of Laredo
City of Lubbock
Cameron County
Dallas County
Harris County
Tarrant County
Texas Department of State Health Services

Non-Profits & Health Systems
RTI, International
Harris Health System
MD Anderson Cancer Center
Houston Food Bank
Children at Risk, Center for Social Measurement and Evaluation
PCCI (Parkland Center for Clinical Innovation)

Student Skills/Possible Projects

Data cleaning

Database development

Data analysis

Data visualization

Data programming

GET PHIT

Gaining Equity in Training for Public Health Informatics and Technology

APPLICATION AND INFORMATION:
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!

Semester*	Internship Dates**	Application Deadline
Summer 2024	Early June to mid August	April 1, 2024
Fall 2024	Early September to Early December	July 1, 2024
Spring 2025	Early January to Early May	October 1, 2024
Summer 2025	Early June to mid August	April 1, 2025

**GET PHIT internships will be available every semester through September 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

GET PHIT

Gaining Equity in Training for Public Health Informatics and Technology

PAID INTERNSHIPS

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.

Students from underrepresented minorities are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to apply.

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

When?

Semester	Internship Dates*	Application Deadline
Spring 2025	Early Jan – Early May	Oct 1
Summer 2025	Early Jun – Mid Aug	Apr 1

*Specific start dates may vary and will depend on internship sites and processing.

How to Apply?

To apply visit the GET PHIT Internship webpage.

More Information and Guidance on Application

Attend UTRGV Info Session	View Recording
When: Wednesday, Sep 4 @ 12 pm Where: Zoom https://utrgv.zoom.us/s/83614548499	Visit the UTRGV GET PHIT website for previous info session recording links

Student Skills/Possible Projects

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

- Data cleaning
- Database development
- Data collection
- Data analysis
- Data visualization
- Data programming

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

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

GET PHIT
Gaining Equity in Training for Public Health Informatics and Technology

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).

Remaining Internship Opportunities

Semester	Internship Dates*	Deadline to Apply
Spring 2025	**Early Jan – Early May**	**October 1, 2024**
Summer 2025	Early June – Mid Aug	April 1, 2025
*Specific start dates may vary and will depend on internship sites and processing.		

Spring 2025 Paid Internship

- Early January – Early May
- **Application Deadline = October 1**

Internship Application

How to Apply?

- Visit the GET PHIT website (https://www.uth.edu/get-phit/)
- Click on the Internships tab at the top
- Click on the Apply Now button
- Fill the required information
- Make sure to answer every question. Skipping questions does not allow you to move forward with the application

Additional Application Requirements

- GET PHIT Bootcamp completion certificate, if applicable
- Transcript (unofficial is acceptable)
- Recommenders' information
- Resume
  - Include the address/city you are currently physically located at so the GET PHIT team can consider the appropriate in-person sites for you
- Personal statement addressing your interest in public health informatics, data science, and how the GET PHIT internship will support your growth and development (500 words or less)

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, role, and contact information for two recommenders who can attest to your skills, leadership, and character.
  - Make sure to contact the recommenders ahead of time seeking their willingness to serve as your recommender and permission to share their email.
- Recommenders can be professors, advisors, previous or current supervisors, and/or mentor.
- 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.
  - 500 words or less
- 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

Note on AI Use

- As we have been reviewing applications, we noticed obvious AI use by some applicants
  - Impressive use of all the field's sophisticated terminology
  - Several similar essays, almost word for word
  - Essays without a soul
- Using AI-generated essays in response to the prompt is SUPER obvious! It is also UNETHICAL, when undisclosed
- Nothing beats an authentic expression

Payment

To receive payment

- Complete paperwork required by UTHealth Houston before the beginning of the internship
  - If you are accepted, be on the lookout for email communication from UTHealth
  - Attend to requests **promptly**
- Complete internship

- Eligibility requirements
  - Payments cannot be made to international students
  - Other considerations
- Accepted students who are eligible for the “paid” internship will receive an email to fill out a form for additional information that will be submitted to UTHealth Human Resources (HR)
- UTHealth Human Resources (HR) will send a link for background check
- Background check can take up to two weeks, so please respond promptly
- Students who do not complete the required information will NOT receive payment
- Payment is broken up into smaller payments over the course of the internship, usually based on UTHealth Houston pay cycles

Note for International Students

- Spring 2025 update: Due to processing requirements, the GET PHIT team cannot process applications (paid or unpaid) for international students.

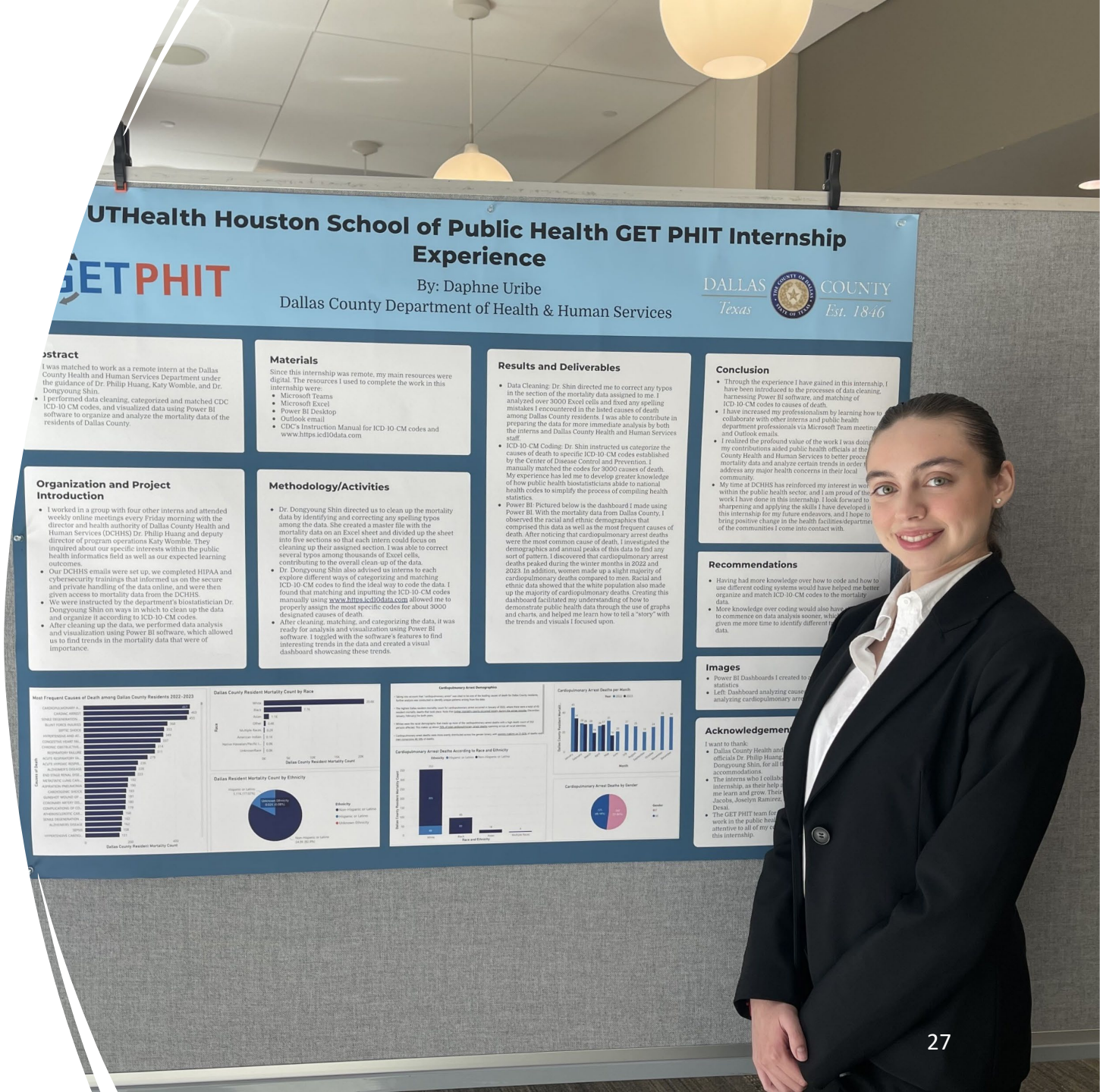
Start Today!

- It will allow you enough time seek/receive feedback on your reflection essays elaborating on your interest in participation.
- It will allow you time to identify questions and reach out.

Stronger Application!

Internship Achievements

- To date, over **107 UTRGV students** have been placed in paid internships as part of the GET PHIT initiative.
- Some have presented or will present at the 2023 (Houston) and 2024 (Arlington) GET PHIT Summits, respectively.



Question & Answer Session

If you would like to hear the perspective of a previous UTRGV GET PHIT intern, listen to our Fall 2024 recording, available here (Recording Link Passcode: 12##@O9T; minute 31 on) or on our UTRGV Internships webpage.

Questions?
Connect with our UTRGV GET PHIT Team

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- Email: UTRGV.GETPHIT@utrgv.edu
- UTRGV GET PHIT internships webpage: We will post a copy of these slides and a recording

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