

Paid Internship Program Information Session



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

- 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**

Texas Southern
University

University of Texas at
Tyler

GET PHIT UTRGV Team

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- Co-PI: Kristina Vatcheva, PhD, Mathematical and Statistical Sciences
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- Graduate Research Assistant: Olivia Mackey, MS, UTRGV's School of Podiatric Medicine

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

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/

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

*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.

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



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 Recording
When: Tuesday, Sep. 12, 6-7 PM Where: Zoom https://utrgv.zoom.us/j/8724478924	

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.

Questions?

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

GETPHITInternships@uth.tmc.edu

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

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](#)



UTRGV
Student
Internship
Opportunities



- Internship Virtual Information Session
 - Thursday, 9/12/23 @ 6:00 PM (Central)
- Spring 2024 Internships
 - Early Sep. to Early Dec.
 - **Application Deadline = October 1**

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



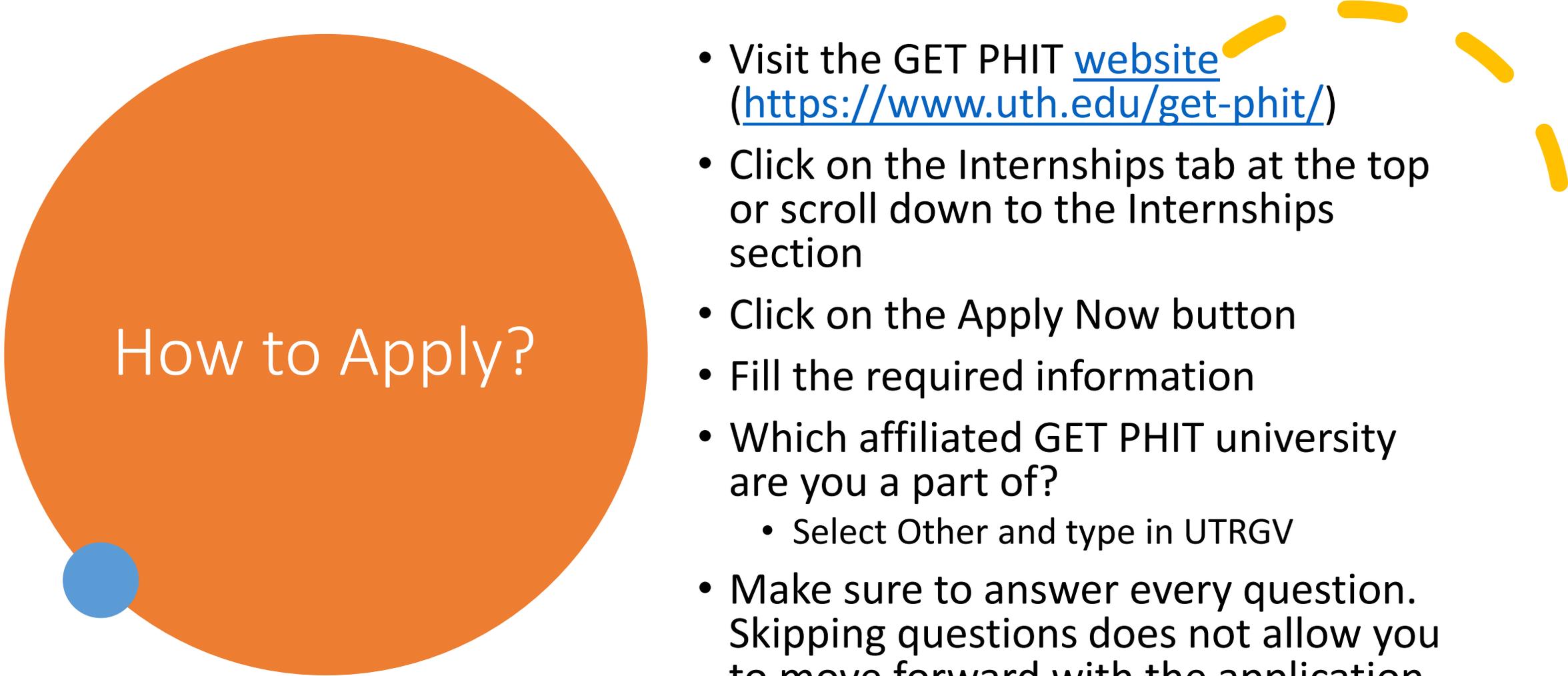
Data
visualization



Data
programming

Internship Application





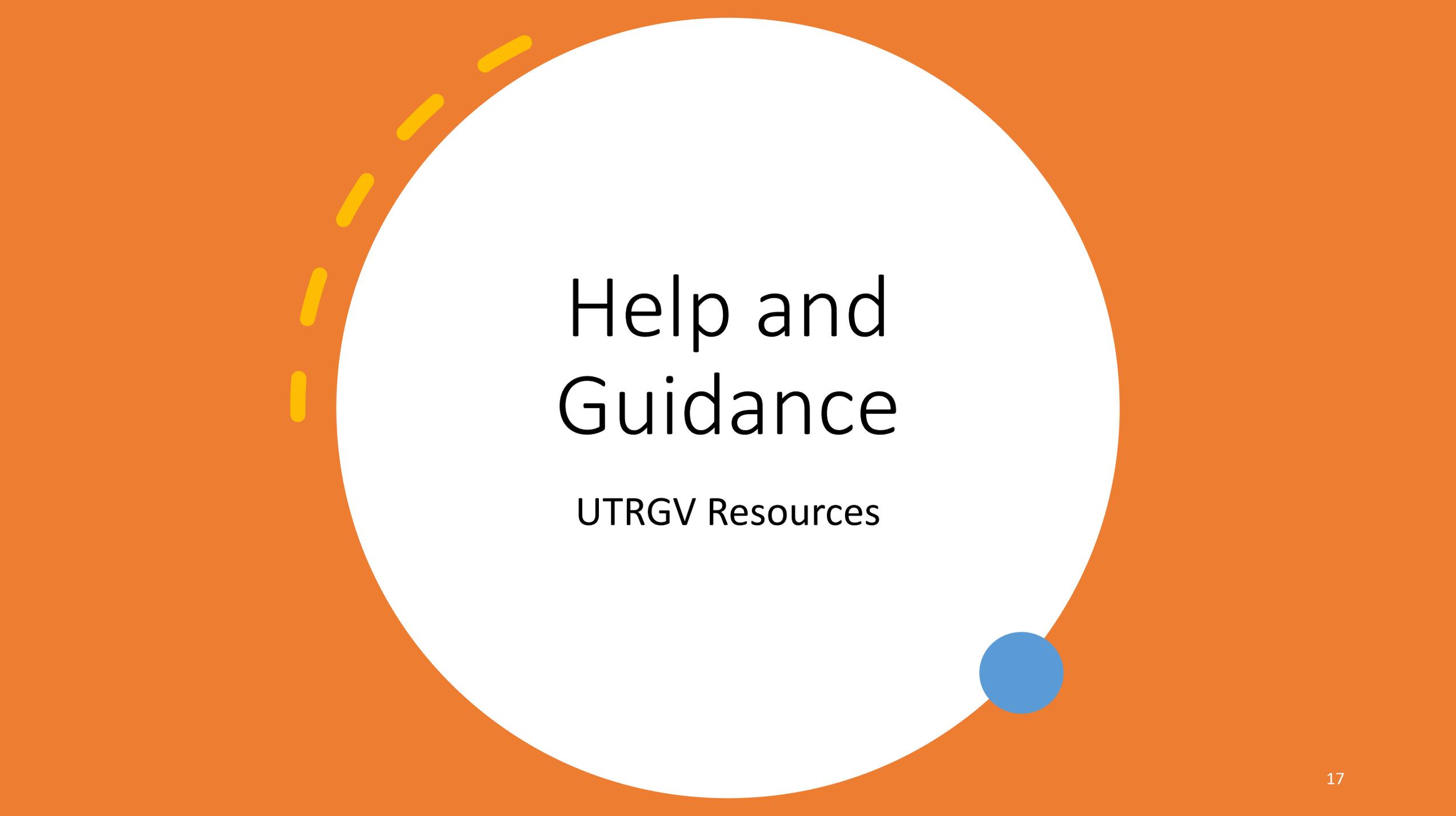
How to Apply?

- 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 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 Other and type in 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 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

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- Welcome!
 - Rejoice Akujuaobi, Summer 2023 GET PHIT Intern
 - Daniella Rios, Summer 2023 GET PHIT Intern

Questions?

Contact Information

- Feel free to reach out for more information
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- Visit
 - [Internship webpage](#)
 - [UTRGV GET PHIT webpage](#): We will post a copy of these slides there

