

The University of Texas at El Paso
College of Health Sciences
Minority Health and Health Disparities International Research Training (MHIRT)
Program
2020 STUDENT APPLICATION

Application Deadline: December 20, 2019 @ 5 p.m.
PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION IN PDF FILE FORMAT TO ANNA GONZALEZ

THERE ARE MULTIPLE ORIENTATION SESSIONS SCHEDULED IN ORDER TO ASSIST POTENTIAL APPLICANTS WITH THE APPLICATION PROCESS. PLEASE CHECK THE MHIRT WEBSITE (LINKED TO THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES) FOR SPECIFIC DATES, TIMES, & LOCATIONS IF YOU ARE INTERESTING IN ATTENDING AN ORIENTATION SESSION. ATTENDANCE AT AN ORIENTATION SESSIONS IS NOT REQUIRED IN ORDER TO SUBMIT A MHIRT PROGRAM APPLICATION.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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Applicants MUST meet the minimum following requirements in order to be considered as eligible for the MHIRT program:

- Be a US Citizen, Non-citizen National of the U.S., or Legal Permanent U.S. Resident (birth certificate or passport required);
- Have a 3.25 GPA minimum (unofficial transcript required);
- Undergraduate (Junior or Senior), Graduate Student (Post-baccalaureate) having completed a minimum of 60 semester credit hours by December 14, 2019
- Be enrolled as a full-time student at the time of application and program participation
- Have a declared major in a pre-professional basic science, health, or human service discipline both during the time of application and program participation;
- Applicants must be individuals from a group underrepresented in biomedical, behavior, clinical and social sciences. This includes members of racial and ethnic groups that have been identified by the National Science Foundation to be underrepresented in biomedical research (including Blacks, African Americans, Hispanic Americans or Latinos, American Indians and Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders); rural and low socio-economic groups.

The above are BASIC program requirements which MUST be met. There are no exceptions as these are requirements from the funding source for this program.

Additional Program Requirements:

- Spanish fluency (oral, written and spoken)
- Dedicate full-time to MHIRT program during their participation which requires that applicant cannot engage in outsider employment during the MHIRT experience.
- Post-baccalaureate applicants must provide Graduate School Letter of Acceptance with their MHIRT application.
- Applicants are required to complete Course 3380/5380 Special Topics in Health Sciences (Hispanic Health Disparities) and Course 3180/5180 Special Topics in Health Sciences: (Directed Research and Statistics) during the academic period of MHRT participation.

Each applicant MUST submit a RESUME, UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT and THREE LETTERS OF REFERENCE (minimum of 2 letters must be from professors: current or past).

All required documents MUST BE SUBMITTED AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Applicants meeting ALL eligibility requirements as noted above will be interviewed by the MHIRT Faculty.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Applicant Name

First	Middle	Last

Cell Phone # _____	UTEP Email Address _____
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UTEP STUDENT ID # _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

Permanent Mailing Address (*This should be an address where you can always be reached*) such as your parent’s, next of kin’s or relative’s address.

Next of Kin Name (for purposes of emergency notification)

Street Address

City	State	Zip Code
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Business Telephone # of Next of Kin _____	Cell # of Next of Kin _____
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Alternate Cell Phone # for Next of Kin

NOTE: ALL PHONE #s provided above **MUST** be for a U.S. telephone carrier service.

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Race Category: Check ONE Only

- American Indian/ Alaskan Native Asian
- Black or African American Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- White Other _____

Citizenship Status: Check ONE Only

- United States Citizen
- Non-Citizen National of the U.S.
- Legal Permanent U.S. Resident

Ethnicity Category: Check ONE Only

- Hispanic or Latino
- Non-Hispanic or Latino

Are you currently receiving financial aid or scholarships? Yes No

If **YES**, please state the type of financial aid you are receiving.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Declared Academic Major _____ Overall GPA _____

Classification: Junior Senior

Post-baccalaureate Pre-doctoral

If post-baccalaureate or pre-doctoral what year of your academic program have you completed _____?

Total # of semester credit hours to be completed at the end of current semester _____

Anticipated Graduation Date _____

The MHIRT program requires a 2 month international travel experience. Have you ever traveled outside of the United States?

If **YES**, please state to where you have traveled and the purpose of your travel.

EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEER SERVICE HISTORY

Are you currently employed? Yes No

Employer _____ Hours/Week _____

Supervisor's Name _____

Employer's Address _____

Employer's Telephone Number _____

VOULUNTEER WORK OR COMMUNITY SERVICE (current or during the past 2 years):

Name of Organization _____

Supervisor's Name _____

Organization Address _____

Organization Telephone Number _____ # of Volunteer hours/week _____

Duties _____

Name of Organization _____

Supervisor's Name _____

Organization Address _____

Organization Telephone Number _____ # of Volunteer hours/week _____

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Organization Address _____

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Duties _____

SPANISH LANGUAGE COMPETENCY (SELF-ASSESSMENT)

Ability to **READ** in Spanish Yes No

Fluently Limited

Ability to **SPEAK & COMPREHEND** Spanish Yes No

Fluently Limited

Ability to **WRITE** in Spanish Yes No

Fluently Limited

Are you currently participating in any UTEP research project and or/program?

Yes No

If **YES**, please specify the name of the research project or program you are currently engaged in _____.

BUILDING SCHOLAR YES NO

MARC PROGRAM YES NO

RISE PROGRAM YES NO

OTHER RESEARCH PROGRAM (please describe):

RESEARCH SKILLS & EXPERIENCE

Research Skills: Describe your current and/or previous research experience (s), in the space provided below:

For **EACH** of the following, state your research **experience** and related activities:

Laboratory Experience

Field Research

Statistical Analysis

Other Research Related Activities

For each of the included research categories, please indicate your level of experience:

On a rating of 1-5, with 1 indicating MINIMAL and 5 indicating EXTENSIVE experience			
	Minimal	Some	Extensive
Designing experiments to test a hypothesis			
Stating a research hypothesis			
Collecting research data			
Analyzing research data			
Interpreting research data			
Presenting research data			
Reading research critically			
Behaving responsibly with regard to scientific conduct of research			
Developing and presenting scientific research findings			
Writing scientific papers			

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please explain in **500 words or less** why you should be selected to participate in the MHRT program. **Your 500 word personal statement should help us learn more about you as a student and potential MHRT program trainee. Please use Aerial 11 font, single-space with ½ inch margins.**

In your personal statement please address the following points:

- (1) What interests you about Hispanic health disparities and why?
- (2) How will participation in the MHRT program assist you in advancing a research career in Hispanic health disparities?
- (3) Include a summary of your background, attributes, and skills which highlight your specific qualifications which make you an outstanding applicant for MHRT program trainee.
- (4) Tell us about your academic goals
- (5) Tell us about your future professional career
- (6) What areas of biomedical or behavioral science/research are you interested in?

Are you a FIRST GENERATION University student?

(First in your family to attend/complete a University)

Yes No

REFERENCES

Please provide **three** letters of reference from individuals who can attest to your academic abilities as well as your character and ability to adjust to diverse settings/environments. **Two** of these letters **MUST** be from UTEP Professors with whom you have taken a class or are currently taking a class with.

In addition to the Letters of Reference, please include the following information for EACH individual who is providing a recommendation letter for you:

RECOMMENDER (1)

NAME _____

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

RECOMMENDER (2)

NAME _____

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

RECOMMENDER (3)

NAME _____

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Use this checklist to indicate/ensure that you have submitted all items as part of your application packet. **INCOMPLETE PACKETS WILL NOT BE ACCPETED/MODIFIED.** Applicants who submit incomplete information will **NOT BE INTERVIEWED.**

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| 1. Completed application | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Transcript | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Current Resume | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Letters of Reference (3) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Personal Statement | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Copy of Birth Certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Copy of Current Government issued ID | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Current Passport (If applicable): | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Copy of UTEP STUDENT ID | <input type="checkbox"/> |

SIGNATURE

DATE

Please be sure that all of the required information and documents are contained in your application packet as you will not be able to modify it once submitted. **PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION IN PDF FILE FORMAT.** Electronic application packet should be submitted to:

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