2018 STUDENT APPLICATION

Application Deadline: November 30th, 2017 @ 5:00 p.m. (local time)

PROGRAM ORIENTATION SESSIONS ARE SCHEDULED FOR

November 1, 2017 @ 2:00 p.m. in HSN Rm 212
November 7, 2017 @11:00 a.m. in HSN Rm 213
November 9, 2017 @ 12:00 p.m. in HSN Rm 213
November 10, 2017 @ 3:00 p.m. in HSN Rm 212

PLEASE PRINT OR WORD PROCESS YOUR APPLICATION

Applications 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);
- Be in a Junior, Senior or Graduate Student at UTEP (unofficial transcript required);
- 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 participation during Mid-May through program completion date (mid-August) which requires that applicant not be employed during time of MHIRT program participation/experience.
• Applicants graduating during spring 2018 must provide a copy of their graduate school application with their MHIRT application.

Additional Program Requirements:

Applicants are required to complete Course 3380/5380 Special Topics in Health Sciences (Hispanic Health Disparities) during the 2018 Maymester and Course 3180/5180 Special Topics in Health Sciences: (Directed Research and Statistics) during Summer I semester.

Each applicant MUST submit a RESUME, UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT and THREE LETTERS OF REFERENCE (minimum of 2 letters must be from professors: current or past) as part of their application. Please provide ORIGINAL AND FIVE COPIES of your application by due date of NOVEMBER 30, 2017. Application packet can be hand-delivered or by US mail. Electronic applications will not be accepted. All required documents MUST BE SUMBITTED AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Applicants meeting ALL eligibility requirements as noted above will be contacted for an interview with the MHIRT Faculty Committee.

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Applicant Name:

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Cell Phone # ( ) _______________ UTEP Email Address: ____________________

UTEPE STUDENT ID #___________________

Last 4 digits of SS# ________________

2. CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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Telephone of parent/relative

Cell # of parent/relative

Alternate Cell Phone # for parent/relative

3. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Declared Academic Major: __________________________ Overall GPA: _____

Classification: Junior:______ Senior:______ Graduate Student:______

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

Are you currently participating in any NIH sponsored project at UTEP or will be doing such during Jan-Aug 2018 (i.e., BUILDing Scholars) Yes ____ No ____

Anticipated Graduation Date: ________________

What are your academic/career plans upon graduation?

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

Are you currently receiving financial aid or a scholarship? Yes ____ No____

4. DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Citizenship Status: Check ONE Only

Are you a 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: ___

Race Category: Check ONE Only

American Indian/Alaskan Native: ___ Asian: ___

Black or African American: ___ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: ___

White: ___ Other: __________________________

5. EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEER SERVICE HISTORY
Are you employed?
No: _____
Yes: _____ Employer: ___________________________ Hours/Week: ______
Supervisor’s Name: _______________________________________________________
Employer’s Address: ______________________________________________________
Employer’s Telephone Number: ____________________________________________

NOTE: Employment during MHIRT Program participation is not allowed.

Current Volunteer work or community service:

Not Applicable at this time: _____
Name of Organization: ______________________________________________________
Supervisor’s Name: _________________________________________________________
Organization Address: _____________________________________________________
Organization Telephone Number: __________________________ # of Volunteer hours/week ___
Duties: ___________________________________________________________________

*If the above space is not sufficient, please include pertinent details in resume.

6. SPANISH LANGUAGE COMPETENCY (SELF-ASSESSMENT)

Ability to READ in Spanish:
Yes/Fluently: _____ Limited: _____ No: _____

Ability to SPEAK & COMPREHEND Spanish:
Yes/Fluently: _____ Limited: _____ No: _____

Ability to WRITE in Spanish:
Yes/Fluently: _____ Limited: _____ No: _____

7. PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please explain in 500 words or less why you should be chosen for this MHIRT Project. Your 500 word personal statement (do not exceed 500 words) should be written using 12-point Times New Roman font and should help us learn more about you as a student and potential program participant.
In your written narrative, elaborate your experience and interests in research and specifically, in becoming a Hispanic Health Disparities researcher by addressing the following points:

(1) What interests you about Hispanic health disparities and why?
(2) How will participation in this program assist you in advancing your academic or career objectives?
(3) Include a summary of your background, attributes, and skills which highlight your specific qualifications which make you an outstanding applicant for MHIRT Project.

NOTE: Cover EACH point separately as part of your personal statement.

8. REFERENCES

Please provide three letters of reference from individuals who can discuss 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.

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: ______________________________________________________
IX. APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Check off each item to indicate/ensure that you have submitted all items as part of your application packet. INCOMPLETE PACKETS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED/MODIFIED and you will NOT be scheduled for an INTERVIEW. ELECTRONIC APPLICATION PACKETS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please provide ORIGINAL AND FIVE COPIES of your application by due date of November 30th, 2017. Application packet can be hand-delivered or by US mail. Electronic applications will not be accepted.

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1. Completed application: ______
2. Transcript: ______
3. Resume: ______
4. Letters of Reference (3): ______
5. Personal Statement: ______
7. Current Government issued ID (If applicable): ______
8. Current Passport (If applicable): ______

_____________________________ __________________________
SIGNATURE DATE

Please be sure that all of the required information and documents are contained in your application packet. SUBMIT SIX (6) COPIES (front-sided copy only no double-sided copying please) of your COMPLETED application in one package with your name on it. Hand-delivered application packet should be submitted to:

Ms. Leticia Paez/ MHIRT Program Manager
Ms. Cynthia Perales/ MHIRT Administrative Assistant
The University of Texas at El Paso
Health Sciences & Nursing Building
Dean’s Office Front Desk (Room 368)

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