



project**health** Baltimore

Johns Hopkins

helping empower, advocate, and lead through health

“The world is calling; heal the world and in the process heal yourself, find the human in yourself by finding the citizen, the activist, the hero.”

– Tony Kushner

[volunteer application]

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What you should know before you get started

Thank you for your interest in the Project HEALTH Baltimore!

- This packet is the application information ONLY. The application itself is available online. To request a link to the online application system, email jhu.projecthealth@gmail.com with “**Summer Application -JHU**” in the subject line and your first and last name in the email body. We will send you a link to the system. Note that this link will be unique to your email address – do NOT forward it to anyone else, or their answers could overwrite yours!

The application is due by Tuesday, June 15th, 2010 by 5pm. In order to receive your link to the application in a timely manner, please email us no later than Monday, June 14th, 2010 by 5 pm.

i. about project health

Who We Are

Project HEALTH is a non-profit that mobilizes the nation's undergraduates to provide high-impact services to low-income families and, in the process, to transform our healthcare system into one that is more effective and more just. To learn more about our work, our vision, and more, visit www.projecthealth.org.

Project HEALTH believes that undergraduates have what it takes to make real change – for individual families and for our country's healthcare system. We are always seeking passionate, committed, social justice-minded students to join our movement.

What It Takes

All Project HEALTH volunteers bring great commitment, creativity, tenacity, and humility to their work with families. And, as members of a volunteer community on their campus, they continuously reflect on this work and develop their programs to achieve greater impact. Every volunteer in Project HEALTH:

- Commits to dedicate a minimum of six hours a week for at least one year. The majority of volunteers remain with Project HEALTH from the day they start until they graduate.
- Fulfills all program expectations. This includes participation in all training sessions (a prerequisite to serving for the academic year) and personal, client-centered engagement in all program activities as outlined in the application and communicated by program leaders.
- Participates in weekly Reflection Sessions and periodic campus events with fellow volunteers, to share best practices, discuss the intersection of health and poverty, learn from faculty and community members, develop new initiatives, and support each other in growing as leaders for change.
- Contributes to the development of the Project HEALTH programs and vision in whatever ways s/he is most interested in, whether it be engineering a program improvement, spearheading a campus event, or something we haven't even thought of yet.

ii. ph in baltimore

PH opened its first Baltimore site in 2006. We now have 4 sites in Baltimore and work with over 130 undergraduates at 3 universities.

Family Help Desk

The Family Help Desk (FHD) is a resource and advocacy program that helps families' access community resources critical to their health, safety, and economic survival. Volunteers talk with families at the desk about their resource needs and connect them with appropriate local services and benefits related to food, housing, health insurance, immigration, childcare, adult education, and job training. Volunteers then follow-up with clients and service providers to ensure that families receive the necessary resources and to troubleshoot or provide additional services as necessary. Locations:

The Harriet Lane Clinic (HLC)

200 North Wolfe St. Baltimore, MD 21287 -- accessible via JHMI shuttle

This pediatric clinic, associated with Johns Hopkins Children's Center, serves roughly 7,000 children annually. A dedicated team of renowned health professionals including pediatricians, pediatric residents, nurses, social workers and lawyers, provide comprehensive care and services to Baltimore City families.

Children's Medical Practice (Bayview)

4940 Eastern Avenue Baltimore, MD 21224 -- accessible via JHMI/Bayview shuttles

Serving as one of the primary pediatric clinics for the growing Latino community, this facility is located at the Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center and serves low-income children and families on Baltimore's east side, with about 9,000 children visits every year. Pediatricians, medical students, pediatric residents and fellows, pediatric nurse practitioner and other clinic staff work together to improve the health of children and adolescents within the context of their family and community. Spanish-speaking volunteers are greatly desired, and students who speak Spanish are strongly encouraged to apply to this site.

Each volunteer attends:

- Training (multiple locations): 10 – 15 hours during first 2 weeks after acceptance.
- One shift (at the clinic): 2 hours/week with a shift partner - shift consistent every week determined by volunteer and program at beginning of each semester.
- Follow-up shifts (on campus): 2 hours/week, regular times determined by volunteers
- Reflection session (on campus): 1 hour/week, regular time determined by program.
- Project HEALTH events (multiple locations): throughout the year – includes social, advocacy, fundraising, and other events on campus and in the community.

iii. the application process

Important dates for applicants:

Application Deadline: Tuesday, June 15th by 5 pm: Applications must be submitted via our online applications system. To request a link to the online application system, email jhu.projecthealth@gmail.com.

- Applicants who are selected to advance will be contacted to schedule an interview.

Interviews: Wednesday, June 16th and Thursday, June 17th: Our programs are lead by students who serve as Program Coordinators and Campus Coordinators and thus interviews are conducted by them.

Training: Saturday, June 19th: Program trainings and clinic orientation. Exact times for the trainings during the remainder of the week will be given prior to interviews.

If you have any questions about Project HEALTH or the application process, contact Manik Bhat, Kyle Engelmann, and Eric Soriano at jhu.projecthealth@gmail.com. Please include "application question" in the subject line to insure prompt response prior to application review.

Thanks for your application. We look forward to working with you!

