

HEI SUMMER FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

Welcome to the HEI Summer Fellowship application page!

Thank you for your interest in applying to our [summer fellowship](#) for undergraduate students. If you have not done so yet, please review the list of [mentored fellowship opportunities](#) posted on our website and select the three opportunities that most interest you.

To qualify for this fellowship, you must be available full-time for 10 weeks during the summer. The opportunities are expected to be in-person unless the mentor organization is remote. Although you are allowed to take one summer course, you are expected to work on your fellowship project about 40 hours each week, five days per week. For additional information on expectations and the summer schedule, please refer to the preliminary syllabus.

Application

1. Full Name:
2. Email address:
3. Academic Year that will be entered in Fall 2025: *[check "Junior" or "Senior"]*:
4. College or University:
5. Major:
6. I self-identify as being eligible for this fellowship because I come from a background that is underrepresented in the Environmental Health Sciences, defined as follows: *[check at least one]*
 - a. Indigenous or underrepresented race or ethnicity group.
 - b. Individuals with disabilities (physical or mental impairments that substantially limit major life activities).
 - c. Other socially disadvantaged groups (first generation to attend college, sexual orientation/gender identity, or others).

These definitions are based on a simplification of the NIH definition of underrepresented groups in environmental health. Note that following NIH, Asians and women are not considered to be underrepresented in environmental health at the undergraduate level unless they also belong to another group. If you are not sure whether you are eligible to apply based on this question, please request a confidential consultation by emailing fellowship@healtheffects.org.

For the following questions, please aim for 200 to 500 words. We recommend you draft your responses in a word processor before adding them to the form.

7. Why are you interested in this opportunity?
8. Please describe how this fellowship provides an opportunity that you would not otherwise have and indicate whether this is your first opportunity to engage in environmental health research.
9. Briefly describe your career goals.
10. Please list your top 3 preferences from the list of potential mentors. *We aim to match selected fellows with one of their top three mentor choices, but we cannot guarantee that.*
 - a. First choice:
 - b. Second choice:
 - c. Third choice:

11. Please tell us why you are interested in those three mentor opportunities, including how they would support your personal and professional goals.
12. Are you able to relocate to participate in-person at any of the available mentor opportunities, or are you geographically limited to a specific area or areas? *[The response to this question will not be shared with application reviewers and will only be used to match finalists with mentors.]*
13. Please list a few activities in school or outside of school that you enjoy. Some examples include playing games or coding on a computer, reading, writing, working with spreadsheets, being outside, building things, creating art or music, and being around people.
14. What skills, experiences, or personal motivations will allow you to be successful in this program (e.g., relevant coursework, coding or data analysis skills, writing about science or the environment)?
15. Please provide an example of a time when you demonstrated independence and problem solving, either in your personal life or in a professional experience.
16. If selected, I will
 - a. Provide a transcript on request. *[radio button: yes]*
 - b. Participate in the program at least 40 hours per week over a 10-week period. *[radio button: yes]*
 - c. Participate in-person *[multiple select boxes: yes, all of the time/yes, some of the time (please clarify)/not applicable, selected opportunity is a remote organization]*
17. I plan to take a summer course. *[Note that if selected for this program, you will not be able to take more than one course so that you have enough time to work on your summer project.]*
 - a. *[yes, a summer course is required for my degree program/yes, I plan to take an optional course/maybe/no]*
18. How did you hear about this opportunity? *[check at least one]*
 - Email from my school or department
 - Faculty advisor
 - Another student
 - Job board (e.g., Handshake)
 - Flyer at my school or department
 - Other (please specify)
19. Do you have any questions for the organizers or is there anything else that you would like us to know? This information will not be shared with application reviewers. If you have any questions and prefer not to put them here, you may also confidentially contact Dr. Lenny Howard (lhoward@healtheffects.org) or Ms. Samantha Miller (smiller@healtheffects.org).

Thank you for your time! To receive an emailed copy of your answers and confirmation of submission, please select that option below. You will hear from us after review of applications no later than the end of March 2025.