



DOWNSTATE

HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY

2026 Clinical Research Scholars Training Program (CREST)

*Empowering Tomorrow's Clinical Research Leaders:
Join CREST Today!*

The Downstate Clinical Research Scholars Training Program (CREST) will provide a formal didactic curriculum (SUNY Downstate MPH) and structured mentored clinical research experience to physicians and nurses with doctoral degrees in biomedical science, and who seek academic careers in research.

Who Can Apply:

- Clinicians with doctoral degrees:
- MD, DO, DrPH, PhD, DNP, PharmD, DPT, OTD, etc.
- U.S. citizen or permanent resident

Why Apply:

- All scholars will receive a stipend
- Skill Development
- Networking Opportunities
- Tuition Scholarship: Fully Paid Advanced Certificate in Public Health

CREST Phase 1

A 1 year 15 credit Advanced Certificate in Public Health or Clinical Epidemiology

CREST Phase 2

Projects that are developed in CREST PHASE 1 can be submitted for review and selection for pilot project funding.

How To Apply

Applicants must complete the Advanced Certificate application using the [SOPHAS Application Portal](#). Applicants must submit the Advanced Certificate application for SPRING 2026. In addition, email the following documents as one continuous PDF to Lakia.Maxwell@downstate.edu.

1. The candidate's CV/resume
2. One-page cover letter describing the candidate's career goals, interest in health equity-related research or policy promotion, and evidence of prior research productivity, such as descriptions of research projects, abstracts, publications, grants, or scientific presentations.
3. A letter from your direct supervisor to ensure that you have the necessary protected time to attend CREST or COE activities, a letter from your direct supervisor must state that 1) She/he agrees for you to join the CREST or COE training and mentoring program, 2) you will have the necessary protected time to attend our CREST meetings.

Email documents as a single PDF with the following subject heading: Health Equity Research Training Applications and specify to which program you are applying (CREST-Advanced Certificate, or undetermined if you are unsure). Applications are due by January 1st, 2026. The anticipated Fellowship start date will begin in January 2026.

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Application Deadline:
January 1st, 2026