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## Student Scholarships & Awards

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### [Graduate School of Public Health \(GSPH\) and University Scholarships](#)

Refer to the Graduate School of Public Health Web site for more information concerning school-wide and University scholarships.

### Department of Epidemiology Scholarships

**Scholarship Application Deadlines**                      **May 28 annually\***

**\*Exception** - Applications to the **Evelyn H. Wei Memorial (travel) Fund** **may be submitted twice annually:**

- **May 28** – for students anticipating travel to meetings in **summer term** (May, June, July, or August), or in **fall term** (September, October, November, or December).
- **November 30** – for students anticipating travel to meetings in **spring term** (January, February, March, or April).

### **Scholarship amounts**

- Scholarship amounts awarded will vary depending upon funding for individual scholarships and number of awards extended. Scholarship values are announced each year by the student services manager at least one month prior to the annual scholarship deadline.

### **Departmental scholarship eligibility**

- Individuals applying for scholarships should be students in the Department of Epidemiology.
- **NOTE TO GSRs:**
  - Students who have GSR positions or are trainees are **not eligible\*** for departmental scholarships.
    - \*Exception - GSRs and trainees whose supervisors have no funding to cover their travel related expenses to approved events and scientific meetings (including American Public Health Association meetings) should request their supervisors to reference this in their scholarship letters of support (see **Student Procedures** section below) for the **Evelyn H. Wei Memorial (Travel) Fund**
  - Students receiving an award must have any scholarship funds **credited against tuition charges accrued in any term within one year of the scholarship award.** If scholarship funds cannot be credited because GSR or

trainee funding becomes available and is continuous during this one year period, the award funds must be forfeited so that other students may apply for them.

### Scholarship descriptions

Scholarships (with the exception of the **Evelyn H. Wei Memorial (Travel) Fund**) are awarded in the form of tuition credits, typically in **fall term**.

- **Kuller Scholarship** (recipients are selected by a faculty committee – applications are not accepted)
  - Doctoral students are eligible, and are selected by a faculty committee and approved by the department chair.
  - The recipient is given a Graduate Student Researcher (GSR) position.
  
- **Katherine Detre Scholarship Fund** (recipients are selected by a faculty committee – applications are not accepted)
  - Doctoral students are eligible. Recipients are selected by a faculty committee in the Epidemiology Data Center (EDC).
  
- **Caggiula Scholarship** (open to continuing student applications as well as faculty nomination)
  - Master's and doctoral students focusing in the area of nutritional epidemiology, a nutrition-related component of chronic disease, a nutrition-related component of aging, or the evaluation of the epidemiology of a nutrition-related disorder are eligible.
  
- **Evelyn H. Wei Memorial (Travel) Fund** (open to Epidemiology student applications **twice** during the academic year unless otherwise announced – refer to **Scholarship Application Deadlines** section above).
  - Active master's and doctoral program students in good academic standing seeking travel funding to attend approved scientific meetings or events are eligible.
  - Primary consideration is given to students planning travel to the annual meeting of the **American Public Health Association (APHA)** typically held in November, although other travel requests will be considered.
  - **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Students who have received a departmental travel scholarship award within the past 12 months are **NOT** eligible to apply for a travel scholarship again.

- **Evelyn H. Wei Scholarship Award in Epidemiology** (open to Epidemiology student applications)
  - Active master's and doctoral program students in good academic standing are eligible.
  - Funding is provided in the form of tuition credit for students studying at any level in the Department of Epidemiology.
  - Awards are based on potential contribution to public health, with emphasis on scholarship, leadership and service.

### **Application submission and award notification**

#### **Student procedures:**

- Review eligibility and application requirements for the desired scholarship (see the **Scholarship application** and **Scholarship descriptions and eligibility** sections above for more information).
- Complete a [Departmental Scholarship Application](#).
  - Include letter/memo/e-mail of support from your faculty advisor or research supervisor.
    - Applicants applying to the **Evelyn H. Wei Memorial (Travel) Fund** who are GSRs or trainees must request their faculty advisors or research supervisors to indicate in their letters/memos/e-mails that funding they are currently receiving cannot cover travel expenses.
  - Sign and date the application.
- E-mail or drop off completed departmental scholarship application to Lori Smith, Student Services Manager & Program Administrator at [smithl@pitt.edu](mailto:smithl@pitt.edu) or at 5117 Public Health.
  - Do not attempt to obtain the department chair's signature prior to submitting applications.

#### **Notification and processing of awards:**

- Notification of final application status will be forwarded to applicants via e-mail by the Epidemiology Student Services Manager & Program Administrator unless otherwise specified. Awards will be processed as follows:

- **Evelyn H. Wei Memorial (Travel) Fund** recipients will receive reimbursement checks from the University.
  - Following their trips, recipients should deliver travel expense receipts up to the total value of their scholarship awards to the Epidemiology Student Services Office, 5116 Public Health.
  
- **Arlene Caggiula Student Award in Nutrition and Evelyn H. Wei Scholarship Award in Epidemiology** recipients will receive tuition credit for course enrollments and/or Full Time Dissertation Research (FTDR) for fall term up to the total value of their scholarship awards.
  - Scholarship awards will **not** exceed tuition costs associated with this enrollment.
  
- The **Lewis H. Kuller Scholarship Fund** recipients will be contacted with more information about scholarship disbursement.
  
- **Katherine Detre Scholar Fund** award recipients will be contacted by an Epidemiology Data Center faculty or staff member with more information about scholarship disbursement.