

# The Texas Center for Equity Promotion (TexCEP) Undergraduate Scholars Program



## What is the TexCEP Undergraduate Scholars Program?

The TexCEP Undergraduate Scholars program aims to support undergraduate students who have a professional interest in health and/or education equity and are considering a graduate degree. The program consists of two components: workshops and individual mentorship.

*Workshop Series.* Workshops are designed to help students understand and navigate the graduate school application process. Topics cover how to identify graduate programs and mentors that fit your interests, understanding the application process, and preparing graduate school application materials (resume, personal statement, etc.). Workshops will be held on Fridays throughout the spring semester.

*Individual Mentorship*. Mentorship is designed to provide students with individualized guidance on the graduate school application process. Students will be assigned a faculty mentor who will guide them in honing their interests, preparing for graduate school, and/or submitting their applications.

After successfully completing the program, students will receive \$150 in funds to support their educational goals.

### Who should apply?

Undergraduate students at UT Austin from any major who are interested in health and education equity are encouraged to apply. Students should have a sincere interest in pursuing a graduate degree, and may or may not be actively working on a graduate school application.

#### How do I apply?

- 1. Submit a resume or CV
- 2. Submit a brief statement (no more than 1 single-spaced page) that includes the following:
  - a. Describe your academic background
  - b. Describe your interest in health and education equity
  - c. Describe how this program will support your educational/professional goals

#### Submit all materials via this link no later than 11:59pm (CST) on February 13th, 2023.

#### What are the selection criteria?

We will select a cohort of no more than ten undergraduate students to participate in this program. Students must have an interest in learning more about health and education equity and considering or applying to graduate school. Students who will be completing their undergraduate degree by Spring 2024 will be given priority. We are particularly interested in supporting first generation students and/or students who have a financial need.

Students will be notified about the application decision by February 20th.

Funding will be disbursed to students who complete the program on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Please direct questions to <u>TexCEP@utexas.edu</u>.

#### What is TexCEP?

The Texas Center for Equity Promotion (TexCEP) brings together a diverse set of interdisciplinary scholars across UT's colleges and schools whose research and practice examine and address inequities that impact education and health. Our mission is to support and conduct high-quality applied research, disseminate evidence-based information, and train future professionals regarding the nature, origins, contexts, effects, and elimination of inequities in education and health. We have a commitment to ensuring scientific equity, or a focus on equity at the core of all aspects of the research process. Scientific equity calls for increased representation, accountability, and engagement for the sake of producing research that is meaningful and impactful to diverse communities and particularly those who have been historically excluded in science. Scientific equity is consistent with and compliments the methodological rigor and prevention science principles that are integral components of TexCEP.