

## NEXTGEN PUBLIC HEALTH SCHOLARS PROGRAM

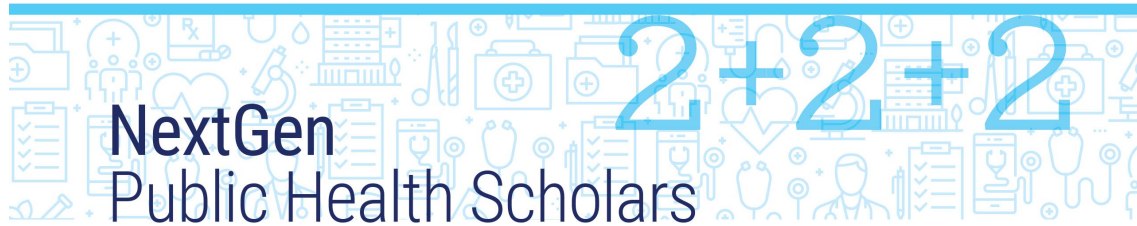
If your major is **Allied Health, Public Health, Community Health, Environmental Engineering or Nursing** a career in Public Health or Epidemiology may be your next step.

The NextGen Public Health Scholars Program is a unique partnership of public and private institutions of higher education that enthusiastically welcomes and prepares the next generation of college students from diverse backgrounds to enter much needed careers in public health and epidemiology.

Founded in 2021, the Program joins **Hostos Community College** with the **Columbia University School of General Studies** and the **Columbia Mailman School of Public Health's Department of Epidemiology** to provide participants with the educational and professional background necessary for leadership and front-line roles in local, state, and national health departments, medical systems, and community health programs. While completing a 2-year program at Hostos Community College, candidate scholars are eligible to jointly apply to the Columbia School of General Studies to complete a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in the ensuing 2 years, followed by a 2-year Master of Public Health (MPH) or Master of Science (MS) in the Department of Epidemiology at the Columbia Mailman School of Public Health.

While at Hostos Community College, NextGen Public Health Scholars will have full tuition coverage, a stipend, and personal laptop computer. Scholars will receive mentoring, tutoring and enrichment designed to build a strong academic foundation. While subsequently at Columbia, NextGen Scholars will have full undergraduate and graduate tuition coverage, a stipend, academic support and guidance, special seminars, and a complete course of study focused on humanities, sciences, social sciences, epidemiology and public health practice. A variety of mentoring, leadership, life skills, and internship programs will also be available to guide and support students toward their academic, career and personal goals.

**If you are interested in applying, please contact Dr. Sofia Oviedo, Research Programs Director, by phone 718-518-4309 or email [soviedo@hostos.cuny.edu](mailto:soviedo@hostos.cuny.edu) for an application.**



## 2023 APPLICATION

### Eligibility Criteria

If you are interested in being considered for the NextGen Public Health Scholars 2+2+2 Program, please complete this application which will then be reviewed by representatives at both Hostos and Columbia. Applications are due by **May 15th** and applicants selected for consideration will require in-person consultations with advisors and faculty at both institutions. Only students at Hostos Community College are eligible to apply.

We are seeking applicants who will be available to start the program in the Fall of 2023 during their final year at Hostos Community College. Applicants who will graduate Hostos in the Fall of 2023 are also welcome to apply.

#### Submission Guidelines:

- Completed Application Form
- On track to complete a minimum of 30 or more credits at Hostos Community College
- Current transcript (Proof of Major and credit attainment)
- Minimum of 3.2 GPA
- A one-page written statement describing your interest in pursuing a career in public health and/or epidemiology and how this program will help you to achieve your educational and professional goals. Not to exceed one page, double-spaced, 12 pt., Arial, or Times New Roman font.
- Two letters of recommendation, one from faculty, and one from outside of the institution (not to include family members).
  - Letters of recommendation should address your academic and personal qualifications for the NextGen Public Health Scholars 2+2+2 Program. Individuals writing the letter of recommendation should indicate in what capacity they have known the applicant, for how long, and be able to attest to the applicant's academic progress, potential for completion of undergraduate and graduate degree programs, and personal character.



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ EMPL ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Best time to reach you: \_\_\_ Day \_\_\_ Evening

Hostos Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternative Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ (Electronic signature acceptable)

Have you applied for financial aid for the 2023-2024 academic year? \* Check one:

Yes     No     In process

\*The NextGen Public Health Scholars Program will cover any gap in tuition expenses after federal, state, and other scholarships are applied.

### Application Submission Instructions:

1. Submit completed application form, current transcript, and personal statement via email to Dr. Sofia Oviedo at [soviedo@hostos.cuny.edu](mailto:soviedo@hostos.cuny.edu).
2. Two letters of recommendation (one from faculty and one from outside Hostos, not including family members) should also be emailed to Dr. Sofia Oviedo.