Directions

How to submit an application for the

Baltimore Community Practicum (BCP) course 2023-2024

Review the application questions, which can be found in this pdf document: BCP Application

Questions (opens in new window). Prepare your application answers prior to entering information into this Qualtrics application platform. Particularly, know:

Q1: For which Baltimore Community Practicum internship(s) are you applying? Full descriptions of the available internships are listed in the JHSPH Practicum Opportunity System. Select "Baltimore Community Practicum (BCP)" under the "Type of Opportunity" field in the JHSPH Practicum Opportunity System. We recommend you save the project descriptions of the internship(s) you are applying to for BCP, as past students have liked to review the descriptions prior to their interviews. Projects will no longer be visible in the Practicum Opportunity System following the application deadline.

Personal Statement - Please answer the following questions in 500 words or less for each internship you have selected:

- Why are you interested in this particular project/internship?
- Briefly highlight any relevant experience you bring to this project, including any particular skills, abilities, extracurricular activities, or past work experiences that may be relevant to this particular project and/or desirable to this organization/agency.
- What would you like to learn from this project/internship?
Write your statements in a word processing program, and then copy and paste them together (if applying to multiple internships) into the Qualtrics application platform. Please title each personal statement indicating which internship it is intended for: **B##: [BCP INTERNSHIP TITLE]**.

If for some reason you cannot complete the application in one sitting, you may be able to return to the application if:

You click the original Qualtrics link from the same computer and browser.

You have not cleared your browser's cookies. We do not recommend depending on this feature.

**DEADLINE:** You have until 11:59 pm ET on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 to submit your application, which will be reviewed by a committee. You will be notified on or around September 27, 2023 of whether or not you have been selected for interview. Interviewing does not indicate you will be guaranteed placement for that particular internship.

**PLEASE NOTE:** You must be available during the time period of **September 27, 2023 - October 11, 2023** for interviews, which will be conducted by the prospective community preceptors via phone, video conferencing, or on-site interviews (if agreeable for student and community preceptor, and following all organization and JHU requirements regarding COVID-19 protocols).

If selected for the Baltimore Community Practicum Course, you will be notified by October 16, 2023.

Please contact SOURCE for any questions at SOURCE@jhu.edu or 410-955-3880.

**I understand that I should look over the internship list in the Practicum Opportunity Site (POS) and write my personal statements prior to starting this Qualtrics application.**

☐ Yes
**About the Baltimore Community Practicum (BCP)**

At BSPH, there are several ways to learn the practice of public health. In particular, the Baltimore Community Practicum course (BCP) provides a mentored, for-credit, non-paid experience with community-based organizations (CBOs). During 2023-2024, BCP projects will be conducted through a range of methods, including fully in-person on-site at the CBO or hybrid (some in-person at the CBO and some remote work). Students should be living in or near Baltimore in order to work with the community partners. All students **must be available to communicate with their organization during Baltimore business hours (ET).**

**NOTE:** This course **fully meets** the MPH practicum requirement of the MPH program.

The course involves conducting a real-life public health project with local community partners. The course includes **assignments** and a final **presentation**, at least 60 hours with CBOs, as well as **required weekly seminars** in both 2nd and 3rd terms.

2nd term: Tuesdays from 3:30 pm - 4:20 pm ET (mix of synchronous and asynchronous sessions)
3rd term: Tuesdays from 12:15 pm - 1:05 pm ET (mix of synchronous and asynchronous sessions)

BCP enables public health graduate students to gain insight about how a degree in public health can be applied to practice-based careers, outside academia.

BCP is open to all graduate students currently enrolled in the Bloomberg School of Public Health (any masters or doctoral candidates).
Students will earn academic credit (at least 2 credits per term) for these projects and will be required to register for the course once matched to a specific project in October.

I understand that this course spans both 2nd and 3rd terms, and includes a weekly seminar in addition to assignments, final presentation, and at least 60 hours of mentored experience with the community-based organization or public health agency.

☐ Yes
☐ No

Selecting Internships
On the next page are the list of internships available for the course. You may select up to 4 internships that are of interest to you. Remember that for each internship you apply for, you need to write a separate brief personal statement (500 words) explaining your interest. If you indicate 4 internships below, you should submit 4 unique personal statements.

For 2023-2024, the available project descriptions include the required number of hours per week (4 hrs/week or 8 hrs/week) as well as the required location/method for completing the project (fully in-person and on-site at the CBO, or hybrid which is a mix of some time on-site at the CBO
and some time remote). Carefully review these details to determine if you are able to travel to the CBO and fulfill the hours required.

We highly recommend that you save the project descriptions from the POS website to refer to later. Students in the past have wanted to look back at descriptions before their interviews and the descriptions will not be available on the website after the application deadline.

To do this, click "Print View" for each project you're interested in, in the POS system, and save to your computer. Link to the POS system. Remember to select "Baltimore Community Practicum (BCP)" under "Type of Opportunity" to view all available BCP projects for 2023–2024.

**Project Indications**

For which Baltimore Community Practicum internship(s) are you applying? SELECT UP TO 4 INTERNSHIPS.

- [ ] (B01) Building a Person–Centered Network: Supporting LGBTQ+ Marylanders to Access the Care They Deserve!
- [ ] (B02) Baltimore AAPI Community Health Assistant
- [ ] (B03) Making prescription drugs more affordable in Maryland: Policy analysis, organizing and advocacy
☐ (B04) Developing a Volunteer Learning Curriculum with Lori's Hands
☐ (B05) Building the Conduit To A Healthier Lifestyle: Developing an Intake and Evaluation System for Wellness Programs
☐ (B06) Program Evaluation: Food Security for Survivors of Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence
☐ (B07) Improving Advocacy for Foster Youth
☐ (B08) Telling Impact through Numbers: Outcome Analysis and Reporting Enhancements for Baltimore SquashWise
☐ (B09) Refreshing the Curriculum for an After School Program for Immigrant Youth
☐ (B10) Data Transformation in the Continuum of Care
☐ (B11) Assessing Planned Parenthood of MD’s HBCU Sexual Health Educator Incubator Program to Support Baltimore City High School Students
☐ (B12) Development of Resource Manual and Orientation Package for GEDCO Homeless and Supportive Services
☐ (B13) Integrated Well-Being Practicum: Enhancing Behavioral Health in Baltimore Communities
☐ (B14) Supporting Intersection of Change’s Development and Outreach Efforts
☐ (B15) MERIT Health Leadership Alumni Surveys: Using Trends to Develop Programmatic Advances

Please rank your selected projects in order of preference. Enter the project number only (for example B01, B05, B10, etc.). DO NOT enter full project titles. You may apply to a max of 4 total projects.

1st choice
2nd choice

3rd choice

4th choice

Applicant Information

Please complete the following fields.

Student Last Name

Student First Name

Address

City

State

Zip Code
Country

Phone Number (primary – best number to reach you)

Email Address (JHU preferred)

Current BSPH Program Details

BSPH Academic Department

- Not affiliated with a department (i.e. MPH)
- Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- Biostatistics
- Environmental Health and Engineering
- Epidemiology
- Health, Behavior and Society
- Health Policy and Management
- International Health
- Mental Health
- Molecular Microbiology and Immunology
- Population and Family Health Sciences
Degree Program

☐ MPH
☐ MHS
☐ MSPH
☐ MPP
☐ MHA
☐ PMR (Preventive Medicine Residency)
☐ ScM
☐ DrPH
☐ PhD
☐ Other

Year In Program

☐ 1st (including MPH)
☐ 2nd
☐ 3rd
☐ 4th
☐ 5th or more

BSPH Faculty Advisor (Name)
BSPH Faculty Advisor Email Address

Previous Education

Undergraduate College

Major

Degree Received

University

Major

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Please list any relevant coursework you have already completed.

Do you speak or understand any languages other than English?
- Yes
- No

Please indicate which language(s).
Indicate your proficiency in the language(s) (ex. beginner, conversant, fluent, native speaker)

Indicate your level of experience for each of the following software applications.

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Application Materials

Personal Statement/Cover Letter

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- What would you like to learn from this project/internship?

**NOTE:** This section is similar to a personal statement/cover letter and is VERY important to the selection process. Please be as specific to the internship as possible so we can help match you to the best opportunity!

If you selected more than one internship, make sure to include a max 500 word statement for each internship.

If you selected 4 internships, there should be 4 separate statements (500 words max for each).

Please include your statement(s) here. Be sure to include a unique statement for each internship that you have selected. You should write your separate statements in one Word or text editor document, titled for each internship including internship # [B##], and then copy and paste here.
Resume / CV: In order to COMPLETE your application, you are REQUIRED to upload your CV or resume (as a PDF file). Be sure to RENAME your pdf file before uploading using the following format: "Last Name, First Name resume" or "Last Name, First Name CV" For example: Hop, Johnny resume
Please upload a PDF version of your resume/CV now.

Terms and Conditions

I understand that I must be available for interviewing between Sept 27, 2023 - Oct 11, 2023.

☐ Yes
☐ No

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☐ Yes
☐ No

I understand that I must enroll in the BCP course for BOTH 2nd & 3rd terms.

☐ Yes
☐ No
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Once you successfully submit your application, you will automatically see a summary of your responses. You can download and save the pdf file of your application for your records. This serves as a confirmation that we have received your application materials.
Thank you AND good luck!

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