

# STUDENT DIVERSITY OFFICE

*Understanding and embracing  
diversity within our School*

A Student Academic Support Services office



JOHNS HOPKINS  
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Protecting Health, Saving Lives—*Millions at a Time*

The diversity of the American population is one of our nation's greatest assets, yet the profound disparity in the health status of ethnic minorities, Appalachian residents, and other disadvantaged populations remains our greatest challenge.

The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health embraces diversity, recognizing that diversity not only enriches the educational experience of all our students, but also allows our School to graduate leaders who will address the pressing public health issues in our communities. Our School prides itself on educating young Americans like you who will become public health leaders in a diverse society in the United States and around the world.

You can play a pivotal role in addressing health disparities involving cancer, infant mortality, diabetes, cardiovascular illnesses, HIV/AIDS, and many other chronic and infectious diseases where ethnic minorities and disadvantaged populations are more vulnerable. Come learn with us how to improve access to health care and to provide affordable health care to all our citizens. The School of Public Health is the place to acquire the skills, knowledge, and tools you need to lead the U.S. health care



industry and to make the dream of accessible health care for all a reality.

People who come to Hopkins—people like you—have one main goal: to lead in the effort to protect health and save lives. Where you make your mark is up to you—we are here to support you.

### STUDENT DIVERSITY OFFICE

One of the primary functions of the Student Diversity Office is the recruitment of qualified underrepresented minorities for our degree programs. The office is equally committed to retaining those students once they have been admitted and enrolled. The office works diligently to provide an atmosphere that is sensitive to the many cultures of the student population.

Working closely with several student groups within the Student Assembly, the Student Diversity Office coordinates events and activities that celebrate the heritage and contributions of different cultural groups. Programs include professional seminars, presentations, and social events open to all students, faculty, and staff throughout the year. In addition to the activities of the School of Public Health, the office reaches out to the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, the School of Nursing, the hospital and to the undergraduate campus in a spirit of

collaboration and commitment to enhancing the experience of all students at the Johns Hopkins University. If you want to be involved in making a difference and being an active student in a caring and nurturing environment, come join us.

### **Minority Summer Internship Program**

Our summer internship program provides experience in research laboratories to underrepresented minority students and other students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds that have completed two or more years of college. The purpose of this exposure to biomedical and/or public health research is to encourage students to consider careers in public health, science, and medicine. The program runs nine to ten weeks and includes a stipend. An application for the program is available on our website.

### **Mentoring**

In addition to the counseling and advising provided by the office, plans are under way to launch a mentoring and tutoring program across the School. Even the most qualified student may need help adjusting to our School's rigor and pace. We will support you throughout your tenure with us, assisting you with time management, study habits, and mastering course content. We maintain an open door policy.

Student groups working with the Student Diversity Office include:

- African Public Health Network
- Asia-Pacific Club
- Multi-Cultural Student Alliance
- Nuestra America
- The Native Circle

### **Scholarships**

The office is positioned to assist minority applicants and students in identifying sources for tuition support. This may be through writing a minority supplement to an NIH grant or recommending the applicant or student apply to several foundations or agencies for funding. Students have been successful in securing tuition support in varying amounts.

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## STUDENT ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES

Student Academic Support Services (SASS) is a full-service unit designed to combine academic advising, information management, recordkeeping, and advocacy support for students throughout their time at the School. Focused entirely on public health students, SASS brings together the functions of several offices to serve a student from the time of initial inquiry through graduation and job offer:

- Admissions
- Career Services
- Disability Support Services
- InterAction Community Outreach
- Records and Registration
- Student Diversity
- Student Financial Services
- SASS Operations

In addition, SASS offers two skills-based courses designed with practical tips to help students succeed at the School: English for Academic Purposes, and Scientific Writing.

For more information about SASS, call 410-955-3610 or visit [http://www.jhsph.edu/Student\\_Life](http://www.jhsph.edu/Student_Life).

## EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY STATEMENT

The Johns Hopkins University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, religion, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, age, marital status, disability or veteran status in any student program or activity administered by the university or with regard to admission or employment. Defense Department discrimination in ROTC programs on the basis of sexual orientation conflicts with this university policy. The university is committed to encouraging a change in the Defense Department policy.

Questions regarding access to programs following Title VI, Title IX and Section 504 should be referred to the Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Programs, which is responsible for the coordination of equal opportunity programs for the university, N-710 Wyman Park Building, 410-516-8075.