

PAUL AMBROSE

# SCHOLARS

PROGRAM



ASSOCIATION FOR PREVENTION TEACHING AND RESEARCH

# 2018 Application Packet



The Paul Ambrose Scholars Program is managed by the Association for Prevention Teaching and Research (APTR), the professional organization representing accredited and emerging graduate public health programs, medical and health professions faculty, and students dedicated to interprofessional prevention education and research. APTR advances population-based and public health education, research and service by linking and supporting members from across the academic prevention community.

## Paul Ambrose Scholars Program

The Paul Ambrose Scholars Program prepares public health and clinical health professions students to be leaders in addressing population health challenges at the national and community level while exposing them to influential public health professionals. Health professions students will select a community-based project that addresses health promotion or disease prevention within their community and/or institution. After attending the Symposium, Scholars have one-year to complete and report on project outcomes.

### Learning Objectives

By the end of the program year, scholars should be able to:

- Define and recognize evidence-based public health programming
- Obtain the necessary resources to carry out a public health intervention
- Use logic models for planning public health programs to achieve the Healthy People 2020 objectives
- Advocate for public health issues
- Collaborate with different disciplines and community members on a project

### Program Structure

The Paul Ambrose Scholars Program includes four main components:

- Online public health knowledge assessments
- Public Health Leadership Symposium
- Plan, implement, and evaluate a local community health project
- Submit a final program report and evaluation for APTR to review for certification

### Participant Expectations

- Answer knowledge assessment questions
- Watch two 1-hour modules prior to the Symposium
- Participant in all sessions of the Symposium
- Plan, implement, and evaluate a local community health project
- Submit a final program report and evaluation for APTR to review for certification

**“The lecturers and presentations were wonderful but the friendships and interactions with other health professional students were truly what inspire me to continue my work.”**

### Who Should Apply?

Health professions students who are interested in interprofessional service learning are encouraged to apply. Applicants must be a current student in one of the following areas of graduate study at an accredited institution within the United States:

- Allopathic Medicine
- Dentistry
- Graduate Nursing
- Graduate Physician Assistant
- Osteopathic Medicine
- Pharmacy
- Physical / Occupational Therapy
- Public Health \*APTR Member Programs Only. Review the [APTR Council of Graduate Programs in Public Health](#) database to determine if your public health program qualifies.

Only candidates who can commit to attending each symposium day in full (**April 9-10, 2018 in Philadelphia, PA**) at the applicable registration fee rate should apply. The event will begin by 7:00am on Monday, April 9th and will end by 3:00pm on Tuesday, April 10th.

## Selection Process

Scholars are selected through a through a competitive application process. All applicants receive equal consideration without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, political affiliation, age, sexual orientation or any other non-merit factor.

## Program Background

This program is named in honor of Paul W. Ambrose, MD, MPH, a rising star in the field of prevention and public health who died in the attacks of September 11, 2001. Since 2002, more than 625 students from over 200 academic institutions have become Paul Ambrose Scholars, equipped with leadership and organizational skills in population health that can only be found outside of the classroom.

At the time of his death, Dr. Ambrose worked for APTR and ODPHP serving as the 7th Luther L. Terry Senior Fellow. Dr. Ambrose worked closely with the Office of the Surgeon General and was the point person for multi-agency collaborations addressing public health issues such as obesity, healthy lifestyles, medical school curricula, and health disparities. Dr. Ambrose was committed to caring for the underserved and promoting public health, and he pursued these goals with extraordinary talent, resourcefulness, and energy. His vision laid the original groundwork to create a comprehensive student leadership symposium for preparing health professions students to address impending public health challenges.

## About APTR

The Paul Ambrose Scholars Program is planned and implemented by APTR. APTR is the national professional membership organization for individuals and institutions advancing the education of physicians and other health professionals in prevention and population health. Founded in 1942, members include faculty from preventive medicine and public health departments within medical schools and health professions institutions and graduate programs in public health. The APTR Council of Graduate Programs in Public Health represents graduate public health programs and provides a voice for the accredited and emerging graduate programs across the U.S. that grant public health degrees.

**“Becoming a Paul Ambrose Scholar was life changing. The conference provided me with information that assisted me not only with organizing and planning my project, but also in other community projects related to school.”**

## Public Health Leadership Symposium

**April 9-10, 2017**  
**Philadelphia, PA**

The symposium empowers students by enhancing their leadership skills and teaching them important public health competencies in both an interactive and lecture-style forum. Past speakers include prominent United States public health officials such as Surgeons General, Assistant Secretaries for Health and other governmental officials, industry experts, and veteran public health practitioners with expertise in areas including:

- Health Policy & Media Advocacy
- Preventive Medicine and Public Health
- Project Planning
- Public Health Leadership
- Career Opportunities
- Funding Resources
- Change Agent Training

### Past Participating Surgeons General:

David Satcher, MD  
Richard H. Carmona, MD, MPH, FACS  
Regina Benjamin, MD  
Boris D. Lushniak, MD, MPH

**“The speakers were motivational, challenging, and engaging, and it was an excellent opportunity to network with students of different disciplines who share a passion for public health and preventive medicine.”**

## 2017 Symposium Logistics

### Symposium Registration Fee

Selected scholars are encouraged to work with their academic institutions to help sponsor their registration fee and travel costs. Click here to view a list of [APTR Member Institutions](#)

- Students from non-member institutions: **\$399.00**
- Students from member institutions: **\$349.00**

The registration fee includes the following:

- Room accommodations on Sunday and Monday evening of the Symposium. Scholars will be paired with a same-sex peer at the event hotel.
- Two days of breakfast and one plated lunch.

### Travel

Scholars are responsible for their personal travel arrangements and expenses to the Sonesta Philadelphia Rittenhouse Square hotel in Philadelphia, PA for the Symposium. The event will begin by 7:00am on Monday, April 9th and will end by 3:00pm on Tuesday, April 10th.

## Symposium Sponsors

[American Dental Education Association](#)  
[Association of American Medical Colleges](#)  
[American Association of Colleges of Nursing](#)  
[American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine](#)

## Mentor

Students are required to enlist the guidance of a mentor who has previous knowledge and interest in prevention and public health to facilitate the development and implementation of the project. Applicants should approach and obtain commitment from their potential project mentor prior to application submission.

Mentor responsibilities include, but are not limited to: answering questions on IRB process, providing professional guidance on project design, contributing professional public health and prevention knowledge to project development, etc.

- A signed Letter of Commitment from your mentor is required as a part of the application.

## Community-Based Project

After attending the Symposium in April, and with guidance from an academic mentor, Scholars have one year to develop and implement a community-based project addressing one of the Healthy People 2020 Leading Health Indicators (LHIs). For more information on Healthy People 2020 and LHIs, please visit:

[www.healthypeople.gov/2020/LHI](http://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/LHI).

## Dates and Deadlines

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| • September 19, 2017 | Open applications  |
| • November 20, 2017  | Applications Due   |
| • November 28, 2017  | Extended Application Deadline                                |
| • Mid-December 2017  | Notification of Acceptances/Rejections Emailed to Applicants |
| • January 16, 2018   | Symposium Registration Due for Selected Scholars             |
| • March 30, 2018     | Pre-Symposium Public Health Survey Due                       |
| • April 8, 2018      | Watch Two 1-hour Modules on Healthy People 2020 Topics       |
| • April 9-10, 2018   | Public Health Leadership Symposium in Philadelphia, PA       |
| • April 23, 2018     | Online Symposium Evaluation Due                              |
| • May 1, 2018        | Post-Symposium Public Health Survey Due                      |
| • June 1, 2018       | Post-Symposium Project Plan Due                              |
| • May 1, 2019        | Follow-up Health Survey Due                                  |
| • June 3, 2019       | Final Project Report Due                                     |

## Application Instructions

All applicants are required to complete the [Online Application Form](#).

The application requires general applicant information as well as the following six (6) requirements. Attachments must be added to the online application in the specified places as PDF files. Include your name on all documents.

## Application Requirements

### 1. Applicant Curriculum Vitae or Resume

### 2. Transcript (unofficial accepted)

### 3. Letter of Recommendation

From a faculty member at your institution, the recommendation letter may be written by your proposed mentor.

**Option 1:** Online Application Attachment. The letter of recommendation from an academic faculty member is uploaded as a PDF on letterhead with signature endorsing the applicant as a qualified candidate.

**Option 2:** Emailed by Recommender. Have your selected academic faculty member email a PDF letter of recommendation to [pasp@aptrweb.org](mailto:pasp@aptrweb.org) on letterhead with signature endorsing the applicant as a qualified candidate.

### 4. Letter of Commitment

From project mentor on letterhead, with signature, indicating the mentor's commitment to facilitating the development and implementation of the applicant's project.

### 5. Statement of Interest Essay

In 300 words or less, provide a brief statement of interest addressing the following:

- Your interest in learning more about prevention and public health
- Ways that prevention and public health have played a role in your life
- Strengths and attributes you possess that would make you a successful Paul Ambrose Scholar
- How you anticipate growing professionally and personally if selected as a Paul Ambrose Scholar
- Address why you are interested in collaborating with clinical health professions students

### 6. Project Proposal

In 500 words or less, describe a Healthy People 2020 Leading Health Indicator (LHI) that you would target for your community-based project. LHI target areas include: Access to Health Services; Clinical Preventive Service; Environmental Quality; Injury and Violence; Maternal, Infant, and Child Health; Mental Health; Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity; Oral Health; Reproductive and Sexual Health; Social Determinants; Substance Abuse; and Tobacco. Learn more about Healthy People 2020 LHIs [here](#). Be sure to address:

- Why this LHI is of interest to you.
- The impact this LHI has on your community.
- Your project concept and how it would address this issue within your community.
- Resources at your institution or among community-based partners you might use to develop and implement your project

Additional information that applicants are required to provide include:

**Academic institution:** name and address

**Project Mentor:** name, address, email, and phone number

**Recommender's Contact Information:** name, address, email, and phone number

## Application Deadline Extended

The online application must be electronically submitted with all required attachments no later than **Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 11:59PM ET.**

## Review Process

APTR will examine all applications for completeness and eligibility. Each application will be objectively reviewed by a committee comprised of faculty, health professionals, and past Ambrose Scholars.

The review is based on the applicant's statement of interest, credentials and experience, project proposal, and recommendation letter. Reviewers will be asked to consider the following criteria during the review process:

- Writing Style: proper use of grammar, punctuation and syntax
- Focus of Essay: concise and coherent
- Project Concept and Impact
- Volunteerism: commitment to public service and community
- Experience related to prevention or public health

Applicants will receive notification about participant selections by the end of December.

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