Frequently asked questions (FAQ):

1. Is there an application fee?

There is no application fee.

2. Is housing provided?

Housing is not provided. Students are responsible to commute to the site they applied for.

3. Is there transportation provided from UCR campus to the other sites?

Optional transportation is only provided for Orientation and the Symposium with limited seating. For the other weeks of the program, it is not provided. Students are responsible for their own transportation. We encourage students from the same area to carpool!

4. I do not meet the minimum grade level eligibility, should I still apply?

The minimum age is a current high school junior or in other words, you will be a high school senior in the fall. If you do not meet the requirement but will be a high school junior in the fall of 2018, you may still apply. Applications will be reviewed case by case for any student not meeting the minimum grade level.

5. Is there a GPA requirement?

There is no minimum GPA requirement. We examine applications holistically. This means we evaluate all information submitted—including application information, free response questions and GPA—when reviewing applications.

6. Is this program restricted to students with specific majors?

We review all applicants from any major, even if the applicant is undeclared. Students must have a strong interest in health careers.

7. Do I have to be premed to apply?

No you do not have to be pre-med to apply. Students who are pre-health are strongly encouraged to apply. This includes (but not limited to) students who are interested in fields such as: nursing, researcher, pharmacy, physician assistant, optometry, dentistry, public health, health administration and so on.

8. Can students only apply for shadowing?

No, students are either accepted in all three components or two components (lectures and community health project).

9. What are the eligibility requirements for shadowing?

Please see the forms section on the FPL webpage: <u>http://fpl.ucr.edu/documents.html</u> for detailed information. Open availability is preferred if you are applying for shadowing.

10. I am thinking about taking summer classes, should I still apply?

The decision is completely up to the student and if they believe they are able to manage school commitments and this program. Please avoid scheduling summer classes from 3:30-7 pm from Tuesday-Thursday during the duration of the program if you wish to participate. Please keep in mind the dates for Orientation and Symposium. Students should also account for travel time from school to the site they are commuting to.

11. I have to work during the summer, should I still apply?

The decision is completely up to the student and if they believe they are able to manage work commitments and this program. Please avoid scheduling work from 3:30-7 pm from Tuesday-Thursday

during the duration of the program if you wish to participate. Please keep in mind the dates for Orientation and Symposium. Students should also account for travel time from work to the site they are commuting to.

12. Am I able to participate in the program if I have a prior commitment that will cause me to miss a week or more of the program?

If you have a prior commitment like a personal vacation, student conference or other related conflicts, you must let the Coordinator know once you are admitted. Failure to notify the Coordinator at a reasonable time will not be excused. If you have planned commitments that will cause you to miss the program for more than one week, we strongly suggest reapplying another summer. You can always contact the Coordinator if you have additional questions about your situation.

13. Can you apply to more than one site?

Students can only apply to one site at the time of the application submission. If a site is full, students are given an option to have their application transferred to another site (this is after receiving an application notification in early May). This does not guarantee admission. Application transfer requests must be sent to the Coordinator by no later than May 8, 12 pm (PST). If you submitted to the wrong site, you must notify the Coordinator by May 3, 12 pm (noon). No exceptions.

14. What is the time commitment per week?

Total hours per week including outside work is 6-10 hours (this does not include physician shadowing). Lectures are in the evenings once a week and the workshops are in the late afternoon once a week. Please see the 2017 calendar in order to get a better idea of the schedule of events. Leadership Lecture Series will continue to be on Wednesdays for Riverside-San Bernardino (RSB) and Coachella Valley (CV). Community Health Project workshops will be on Tuesdays for RSB and Thursdays for CV. For Temecula, please contact the Director to get more information on their dates.

15. Are all the events mandatory?

Yes, all the program events are mandatory.

16. Is Orientation and the Symposium mandatory?

Yes, both are mandatory. Any concerns should be addressed to the Coordinator before the start of the program.

17. For the community health projects will I be in a group, and if so, can I pick my group?

Students will work on their community health projects in groups of 8-10. Groups are assigned at the start of the program. Students do have the liberty of selecting a health education topic of their choosing.

18. Will food be provided?

Food will only be provided for Orientation and Symposium events.

19. As a returning student, what are other opportunities I can be involved in?

As a returning student, leadership opportunities are provided to give you a different experience. If you did not shadow your first year, we encourage you do so as long as you meet the eligibility requirements and submit the supplementary documents. Covey workshop is one example but students who would like to be proactive can contact the Coordinator if they are interested in assisting with Orientation, Symposium or workshops such as the Simulation Center. Returning students are encouraged to talk to the FPL Student Committee members for other ways to get involved.