

2027 Gerry C. Gunnin, Ph.D. Memorial Fellowship

Gerry C. Gunnin, Ph.D. served as president of the Presbyterian Healthcare Foundation and vice president of the Community Health Improvement Department for Texas Health Resources from 1995-2001. His passion for public health made him an irreplaceable member of the Texas



Health family and his community. The Gerry C. Gunnin, Ph.D. Public Health Memorial Fellowship is a tribute to the late visionary's leadership and a continuation of his work to advance community health and well-being improvement.

Texas Health instituted the Gunnin Scholarship in 2006 to assist individuals pursuing a master's or doctorate degree in public health. An internship was added to the program in 2017, creating the Gunnin Fellowship, which annually presents one student with a \$10,000 tuition scholarship (paid upon successful completion of Fellowship), provides the selected Fellow with a 400-hour internship with programs and services within [Texas Health Community Hope](#), and a \$6,400 stipend paid at \$16 per hour on a bi-weekly basis during the Fellowship.

Who should apply?

Applicants should be enrolled in a post-graduate degree that will further their interest and career path in community and public health. Recipients will gain a better understanding of the community and public health landscape in the North Texas region through an in-depth experience with Texas Health Community Hope.

An applicant must meet the following requirements to be eligible for the 2027 Gunnin Fellowship:

- Currently enrolled full time in a master's or doctoral public health program at an accredited school of public health at an accredited college or university in the state of Texas.
- Enrolled in graduate courses for the fall term of 2027.
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Other achievements will also be considered, including community and extracurricular involvement, demonstration of leadership, internships and past employment.
- Ability to work on-site at Texas Health for a 400-hour internship. While the timeframe is flexible and based on the recipient's school schedule, most students complete the internship in the summer. The Fellowship must be completed before a recipient *graduates from a post-graduate program. During the Fellowship, recipients must reside in (even if temporarily) and be able to travel within the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Recipients must make and pay for their own living and transportation arrangements during their Fellowship.

***Note:** Texas Health must pay scholarship funds directly to a student's university. Therefore, a second-year master's degree student graduating prior to the start of the 2027 Fellowship may be eligible for participation if the student can show intent to pursue a Ph.D. in Public Health at the time of application. If selected, students completing a master's degree program in May 2027 and interning with Texas Health in Summer 2027 must show proof of acceptance to an accredited public health Ph.D. program at an accredited Texas university for the Fall 2027 semester and scholarship funds will be paid to that university upon Fellowship completion.

- Have proof of identification and eligibility to work in the United States.
- Complete a Texas Health employment application prior to starting the Fellowship and pass a criminal background check, a drug screening and an employee physical examination. Texas Health is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, sex, age, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, status as a veteran and basis of disability or any other federal, state or local protected class.

Gunnin 2027 application and selection timeline:

- **Nov. 30, 2026:** Application due
- **January 2027:** Applicants notified of outcome. Finalists will be scheduled for an in-person panel interview for January/February 2027.
- **January/February 2027:** In-person finalist panel interviews conducted at Texas Health Resources (**exact date and location TBA**)
- **February 2027:** Finalists will be contacted about interview outcome (**exact date TBA**)

**Questions? Contact Jamie Yeatts, Gunnin Fellowship program specialist,
at Gunnin@TexasHealth.org.**

Please type your information directly onto this form.

Personal Information

Name: _____

Current Address:

City/State/Zip:

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Personal E-mail Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Education Information

Academic Institution

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone _____

Major / Minor _____

GPA _____

Anticipated Graduation Date _____

Essay Questions

Please answer the following questions by typing your answers below. Please limit responses to 500 words or less for each question. Please submit by email with your application packet to Jamie Yeatts, program director, Gunnin Fellowship, to: Gunnin@TexasHealth.org

1. Please tell us about your graduate program and why you chose to seek this degree.
2. What would you say is today's most pressing community health need and what would you do to improve it?
3. If selected as a Gunnin Fellow, how would you leverage this experience to expand upon your career goals.

Activities, Awards and Employment

Please submit a resume that shows your education history, notable activities/involvements, awards and past internships or employment. **Please submit by email with your application packet to Jamie Yeatts, program director, Gunnin Fellowship, to:** Gunnin@TexasHealth.org

Academic Transcript

Please submit an official transcript of your most recent academic record and GPA. First-semester graduate students should submit an official undergraduate transcript and official documentation of current graduate school enrollment. The institution should describe the grading system for student performance. **Please submit by email with your application packet to Jamie Yeatts, program director, Gunnin Fellowship, to:** Gunnin@TexasHealth.org

Letters of Recommendation

Please submit **two** letters of recommendation from professional or academic contacts. These letters should be from current or past professors or other university leaders with whom you have a relationship or from individuals within the community or from a past job or internship. **These letters must be dated, signed by the recommender and placed on university (if from a professor,**

instructor, etc.) or business letterhead. These signed letters may be submitted directly to Texas Health by the recommender or included in your application packet. If letters are coming separately from a recommender, please let us know that in your email upon submission. **Letters should be submitted to Jamie Yeatts, program specialist, Gunnin Fellowship, via email as a PDF file to:**
Gunnin@TexasHealth.org

Gunnin Fellowship Agreement Form

Please designate your acceptance of each item by placing an “X” or check mark into each box and by typing your name onto the signature line. To do so double click on the box and a “check the box” form field will pop up and allow you to choose the option to check the box before you submit your final application.

I have read the 2027 Gerry C. Gunnin, Ph.D. Public Health Memorial Fellowship instructions and guidelines and understand that if I am selected as recipient:

☐ I will be a full-time graduate student at the named academic institution for the period stated in this application.

☐ I understand that scholarship funds received from the Fellowship will be paid directly to the university of record and applied toward collegiate expenses, including tuition and fees, books, room and board.

☐ I will complete the required Texas Health Resources employment application, assessments and screenings. I understand if I do not meet the requirements for employment, I will no longer be considered for this Fellowship.

☐ I will complete the required 400-hour internship with Texas Health Community Hope within a 12-month timeframe and prior to my graduation.

☐ Upon acceptance of the Fellowship, I will submit a current color photograph of myself and a current biography to the Fellowship Committee.

☐ I authorize the Gerry C. Gunnin, Ph.D. Public Health Memorial Fellowship Committee to use my name and photograph for publicity purposes.

Signature _____

Date _____

Gunnin Fellowship Submission Checklist

Note: Once you've completed your application, please re-title this PDF with your name (Jane Doe-Gunnin Application). The PDF document should include the items listed below. Please combine all documents into one PDF if possible. **Applications will be accepted by email only.**

Before submitting your application packet, please make sure you have completed all required documents and parts of the application:

Completed application must be submitted by email to Jamie Yeatts, program director, Gunnin Fellowship at Gunnin@TexasHealth.org by the Nov. 30, 2026 deadline.

- Personal information page
- Three essay questions/answers
- Resume with notable activities/awards/past employment
- Most recent official academic transcript to verify degree, proof of enrollment, and GPA or if a first-semester graduate student, an undergraduate transcript and current verification of enrollment. **Note:** If your official transcript is coming directly from your university, please also submit an **unofficial copy** with your application.
- Two letters of recommendation (these may be submitted by the applicant with the application or separately by the recommender) to **Jamie Yeatts, program specialist, Gunnin Fellowship, at Gunnin@TexasHealth.org. If your letter is coming separately from the recommender, please indicate that in the email when you submit the other parts of your application.**
- Gunnin Fellowship Guidelines page with signature