

Jackson State University
Jackson Heart Study Graduate Training and Education Center

DANIEL HALE WILLIAMS SCHOLARS PROGRAM



Accepting applications for the two-year Daniel Hale Williams Scholars Program
Don't Miss This Great Opportunity! Deadline June 30, 2026

WHO CAN APPLY?

Full-time 2nd Year Doctoral Students
Enrolled in Public Health, Epidemiology
and Biostatistics, Behavioral and
Environmental Health, and Health Policy
and Management

- GPA of 3.5 or Above
- Interest in Cardiovascular Research
- Commit to Participate for Two Years
- U.S. Citizen

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- Cutting-edge CVD Research
- Exposure to the Jackson Heart Study network of experts in various scientific fields
- Stipend
- Individualized Mentoring
- Certificate of Completion in Cardiovascular Epidemiology

For more information, contact the Director of Training and Education, Brenda W. Jenkins, MPH, PhD, 601-979-8731, brenda.w.campbell@jsums.edu

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To Apply on-line, follow the link and complete or download the application

- www.jacksonheartstudy.org
- www.jsums.edu/gtec

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Jackson Heart Study Graduate Training and Education Center 2026-2028

Graduate Students

The Jackson Heart Study Graduate Training and Education Center (JHS GTEC) invites you to apply to the Daniel Hale Williams (DHW) Scholars Program, a robust education training certificate program focusing on building evidence-based approaches to training graduate students in cardiovascular epidemiology research.

The program is named after Dr. Daniel Hale Williams (1858-1931), the first African American physician admitted to the American College of Surgeons, who performed the first successful open heart surgery, founded the first interracial hospital, created two hospital-based training programs for nursing, and co-founded the National Medical Association. His accomplishments will serve as an inspiring model for all of our scholars.

We are now accepting applications for this **two-year research and education training program for the period September 2026 through 2028.**

The program will consist of Web-based courses and guidance from a mentor (Learning Community Advisor) to develop a research project. Scholars will be required to participate in regularly scheduled group video conferences and faculty-led discussions that will enhance their knowledge, scientific understanding, and technical skills, as well as help them gain expertise in cardiovascular epidemiology research.

Eligibility Criteria/Requirements

- Jackson State University (JSU) students who are currently enrolled **full-time** in the 2nd year of the Doctor of Public Health Degree Program.
- GPA of 3.5 or above.
- Two-year commitment to participate in the DHWS Program.
- Interest in cardiovascular research.
- U.S. Citizen.
- Applications are due Tuesday, June 30, 2026

All candidates must submit an application, CV or resume, personal statement, three (3) letters of recommendation from a faculty member, department head, or dean, and an academic transcript. Submit all materials at one time.

Program Summary

- The DHWSP is a 2-year individualized mentored research training program.
- During Year 1, didactic training with a focus on secondary data analysis for scientific writing, and scholars will attend a Graduate Summer Institute in epidemiology and biostatistics at the University of Michigan or Johns Hopkins University. Students will take short intensive courses in epidemiology and biostatistics.
- During Year 2, writing abstracts and scientific presentations.
- Scholars will receive a stipend.

As part of the individualized mentoring, each DHW scholar will be matched with a research mentor. The scholar and mentor will work together to set the scholar's personal DHWS goals based on the level the scholar has reached in his/her career.

- Minimal goals for Year 1 include: at least 85% attendance at DHWSP activities, timely submission of DHWSP reports, and abstract submission to scientific conferences.
- During Year 2, scholars will present at least one scientific abstract at a local, state, or national conference.

Scholars are required to attend all activities listed below:

- 1) **Video conferences** (To be scheduled 2 to 4 times monthly).
- 2) **Orientation**
- 3) **Research Camp**
- 4) **Summer Epidemiology Research Institute**
- 5) **Extra-Curricular Courses, including Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology, utilizing secondary datasets**
- 6) **Scientific Writing Laboratory**

How to Apply

This organization offers two convenient methods for application submission: applicants may choose to complete and submit their application electronically or opt for a traditional paper-based submission format that is attached below.

For more information or assistance in completing the application, please contact:

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Please submit the completed application packet to:

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Do you have a specific faculty member in mind for a mentor?

If yes, provide name and contact information: _____

Do you have a specific research project in mind?

If yes, please describe: _____

(Use separate document if needed)

III. RECRUITMENT INFORMATION

How did you learn about the Daniel Hale Williams Scholars Program?

Have you ever participated in a Research Training Program in the past? Yes No

If yes, describe prior experience in a Research Training Program:

IV. PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please include a brief personal statement that addresses the following:

- Why are you interested in this training opportunity in cardiovascular health research?
- How will you schedule time for the DHWP?
- How would you use this training to advance your career goal?

I certify that the information submitted in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I give the Jackson Heart Study Graduate Training and Education Center Daniel Hale Williams Scholars Program permission to share this information for the purpose of application review and mentor recruitment and placement. If selected, I authorize and release JSU to video, photograph, and record my participation in this program.

I commit myself to the time involved in participating in the Daniel Hale Williams Scholars Program. I understand attendance is required and I will attend all of the educational activities scheduled.

Signature

Date

Please submit your completed application with curriculum vitae, personal statement, letters of recommendation, and academic transcript to brenda.w.campbell@jsums.edu

The Jackson Heart Study Training and Education Subcommittee will review applications for selection; you will be notified once final selections are made.