

Epidemiology Elective Program

Instructions for Recommendation Writers



A candidate for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Epidemiology Elective Program has asked you to provide a recommendation. Recommendation writers must submit responses to a form in an online application portal by the deadline.

Program Overview

The Epidemiology Elective Program (EEP) introduces medical and veterinary students to applied epidemiology, public health, and global health. Students learn by gaining hands-on experience and mentorship from CDC subject matter experts. This program offers assignments during 6- or 8-week rotation periods, based at CDC sites, other federal sites, and state, tribal, local, and territorial health departments across the United States.

Assignments may involve:

- conducting surveillance of disease, an injury, or other health condition,
- analyzing health data to identify new risk factors for disease,
- assisting CDC disease detectives and other public health professionals in the field to investigate an outbreak, and
- contributing to CDC publications and guidelines of major public health importance.

More information about this program is available on the [Epi Elective website](#).

Instructions for Accessing and Completing the Recommendation Form

We appreciate your time and support of the candidate. To help us learn more about the candidate, please prepare to fill out a form by responding to open-ended questions and scoring the candidate on the following:

- ✓ How long and in what capacity you know the candidate.
- ✓ The candidate's ability to:
 - manage tasks or projects and take initiative,
 - respond to constructive feedback, and
 - be flexible, resilient, and self-advocate.
- ✓ The candidate's knowledge of health data, methods, and analytics.
- ✓ The candidate's suitability for the fellowship.
- ✓ Any other factors you believe may have a bearing on the candidate's selection.

How to Submit Your Recommendation Form

You should receive an email with instructions on how to gain access to the recommendation form. You must use the link provided in that email to access the form. Your responses to the form must be submitted by the application deadline. After submitting the form, you will see an on-screen notification confirming that your submission was successful. Applicants may check submission status through the online application portal, but they will not be able to see the content of your responses.

Thank you for your support. Please direct all questions to epielective@cdc.gov.

