MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM

Instructions for Applicants
2025-26 Intake

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- Incomplete applications and applications completed not in accordance with the Instructions **will be rejected on the first step of the selection process.**

- Application must be completed **in English.**

- All attached documents provided with an **English official/sworn translation** if the original documents were issued in another language than English **OR** French

- All needed documents have to be attached to the application and submitted **before the defined deadline**. It is not possible to add documents or to make any changes to the application after the deadline.

- **You must be able to confirm all your achievements and activities (e.g. work, courses, conference participation etc.) by providing relevant documents when asked** (if you do not have such a document, don't mention it in the application).

- You don't have to upload to the application all these documents when applying (further in this Instruction *(Section: "Attachments")* you can find information which documents are mandatory to upload at this stage of the selection process). However, if you are selected, we may ask you to provide **documents confirming everything you entered in the application form, CV and motivation letter.**

- When filling in the application form, remember to save all information by clicking **"Save & Continue"** button at the bottom of each page.

- Do not use abbreviations, only full names of institutions, universities, projects etc. (e.g. *Federal University of Technology Akure*, not *FUTA*).

- Do not forget to **SUBMIT your application** before the deadline: when you have filled in the application form, attached all mandatory documents (and optional if relevant) and confirmed all mandatory statements, you need to click on the **"Send my application file"** button to submit your application (you will receive an automatic confirmation email – if not, please contact us). Only then your application will be considered by the Selection Committee.

- **We strongly recommend not to wait with an application sending until the last day of application period (the deadline day).** Because the server is under heavy load on this day, interruptions in its operation are possible. It is the candidate's responsibility to submit applications in due time and there is no possibility of the deadline extension in this case.

- **Please note that an interview may also be required at the discretion of the MPH jury.**

- If you have any questions or if you face any technical problem filling in the form, uploading documents or submitting your application, you may contact the MPH administrative Team: **mph@ehesp.fr**

  Before contacting us please make sure that there is no answer for your question in this Instruction or in the FAQ section of the Master of Public Health website.

Registration on the platform

1. To apply for studies, you should have an account on our platform located at
   https://candidatures.ehesp.fr/en/
   - if you do not have an account, you can create it by clicking „**Register**" in the upper right corner
   - if you already have an account, you can use it to apply

2. After clicking „**Register**" you will be asked to complete basic information: Civility, Family and first name, Email address and Password. Choose the **Campaign**.

3. Please note that the email address that you use for your registration will be used as your username to log in and by the Europubhealth+ Consortium to contact you. Please double check if the email address provided is correct.

4. After registration you will receive an email (at the address you provided during registration) to activate your account. If you don't receive it, please check your spam-box. Once you have activated your account, you will be able to start filling in the application form, attach documents and submit your application.

Opening the application

1. Log in to the platform.

2. Choose the relevant application applying to your choice in **"All campaigns"**:

   - **Master of Public Health (M1) - 2025/2026 –** (1st round or 2nd round)
   - **Master of Public Health 2025-2026 (M2 - for candidates who weren't enrolled in the MPH1 in 2024-2025) –** (1st Round or 2nd round)
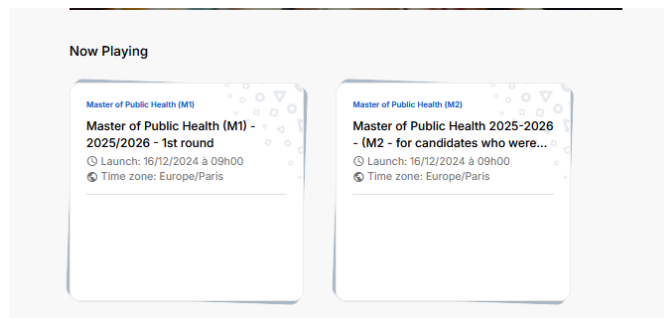
You need to add the current application file to your account in the section **All campaigns**, clicking **Apply** button:
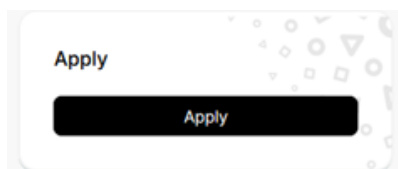
The current application file will be added to **My application** section.

Please note that the MPH application campaign won't be accessible before <mark>16 December 2024</mark> (for the 1st round) and <mark>14 February 2025</mark> (for the 2nd round).

The column on the right side of the page shows all the forms that you need to fill in Personal Details, Highest level of degree obtained, Professional experience, Language Proficiency, References, Financing, Additional questions (each part is explained below) and all documents you need to attach : CV, motivation letter, passport or ID card, university transcripts, English proficiency proof, university degrees, and other document.

Part 1. Personal Details

Please provide all required personal information.

Part 2. Previous Higher Education

1. Please list all higher education institutions, regardless of the length of attendance. Begin with the most recent one.
2. If parts of the previous studies were followed online, please indicate it clearly in the "Title of the degree" section as follows: *[Title of the degree] – ONLINE / PARTLY ONLINE.*

3. You are asked to provide following information:

   - **University** name (full name, do not use abbreviations!),
   - **City** and **Country** where the university is located,
   - **Type of degree** (Bachelor/Master/Other),
   - **Title of the degree** (enter full title you have received, e.g. *Bachelor of medicine and surgery*),
   - **Year of graduation** or **Expected graduation date**
   - *If you are finishing Bachelor studies (or equivalent) in 2024-2025, you may still submit your application. In that case, please clearly **indicate the expected date of graduation in your CV and in the form** as well as **provide an official certificate from your university** informing about the expected graduation date. In case you are selected to join the course for September 2025 intake, it will be under the condition that you provide the proof that you obtained your degree prior to the beginning of the programme.*

4. Use "**+ Add**" (located at the bottom right) to open a next record, to enter information about a next degree.

5. In the **"Attachments" section**, you will find a space for attaching copies of your previous degrees (diplomas) and official university transcripts.

Part 3. References

1. In this section, please list **two different referees** who will fill in the online recommendation form for you.

2. Provide **an institutional email address** for each of them – **no private email addresses allowed**.
   If your referee does not use an institutional email address, please contact us by email at the address mph@ehesp.fr, *to obtain permission to use his/her private address. Title your email message „**Email address of a referee – request**" and provide all data of your referee and a reason why using an institutional address is not possible.*

3. At least one form of recommendation should be from an academic or professional contact (lecturer, supervisor, work manager, etc).

4. Once you have saved their contact details, click on "**Send the request to referee**". You will see the message "Email sent to the referent". Your referee will then receive an automatic email from the platform with instructions on how to fill in the online recommendation form that will be added to your application file.

5. If your referees have not received the automatic email with the instruction how to fill in a recommendation form, please ask them to check their spam-box. If they still cannot find the email, you may send the automatic email again by clicking on "**Send the request to referee**".

6. Please note that <u>**you cannot fill in the recommendation forms by yourself**</u>.

7. Please note that if you do not provide at least 1 reference, your application will not be considered as eligible. Should you have additional reference letters you would like to share with the MPH admission committee, please upload them within the additional document space.

8. Please note that, at least, **two references** are **MANDATORY**. At least one reference must be provided through this online form, in order for the MPH application to be considered as complete and be submitted. **Your application cannot be submitted without, at least, one recommendation form completed**.

9. If you cannot submit your application even though you have uploaded all required documents and provide all required information, it may be because your referees have not completed their recommendation forms yet.

   IMPORTANT !!! Remember to click "Save & Continue" at the bottom of the page to make sure all provided information is saved.

Part 4. Professional Experience

1. Please list and describe all work experience (internship, volunteer or employed activity) since undergraduate studies.

2. You are asked to provide a **short description** of experiences. It must contain the following information:
   - **Institution**: full name of the institution you work(ed) for (do not use abbreviations!),
   - **Area of work experience**
   - **Type of work experience**
   - **Country of the experience**
   - **Length of the experience** in full months (*if your employment lasted for example 3,5 months, please enter 3*).

3. Use **„+ Add"** (located at the bottom right) to open a next record, to enter information about a next work experience.

Part 5: Language Proficiency

You must prove that your English language skills meet the minimum admission requirements.

Please upload a copy of the proof requested depending on whether or not you are holder of a previous higher education degree fully taught in English, that is :

➢ **degree diploma:** *the detailed rules in which case your degree can be accepted as an English language proficiency proof may be checked here:* **MPH website**.

    OR

➢ **language test results**: *please check what kind of tests we accept and what is a needed minimal score on the* **MPH website***.* The date of the test must be **less than 2 years old** at the beginning of the course (i.e. **no older than 1st September 2023 for the academic year 2025-2026 –** the date taken into account is the date of the test, not the date of receipt of the results).

Part 6: Concentration choice

You need to choose which **specialization** (among the five tracks listed below) you wish to follow. You can find more information about the concentrations and the modules on the [MPH website](#).

Choose **one track only and justify your choice in your cover letter**. If your choice is not supported in your cover letter, this could put your application at a disadvantage during the selection process:

- Track : Prevention & Health Promotion - PHP
- Track : Epidemiology – EPI
- Track : Health policy and management – HPM
- Track : Information sciences and biostatistics – ISB
- Track : Environmental and occupational health sciences – EOHS

Part 7. Additional Questions

Please indicate how you heard about the MPH Program.

Part 8. Attachments

In this section you should upload all documents needed for applying. Some of the documents are **Mandatory** and some documents are **Optional** to upload. If a document is classified as mandatory, a submission of application will not be possible without uploading this document.

*All attachments need to be uploaded into the application form in the dedicated fields. **Files' maximum size is 2 MB, format pdf, jpg** (if the size or format is not correct, you will not be able to upload the document).*

You can find below a detailed description of the documents that must be/can be uploaded as attachments.

Mandatory documents

ID document
- **For Non-European applicants: valid passport** (scanned copy of the page with the photo)
- **For European applicants: valid passport** (scanned copy of the page with the photo) or national **ID** (front and back copy)

Motivation letter: motivations for the course and career plans. The letter should include strong justification for your specialisation choice.

Your letter should not exceed 600 words

- Write about your motivations for the course and **your choice of specialization**: why would you like to study public health, what motivated your specialization choice and how your career plans align with these choices. While this may evolve, it is recommended that you mention the specific area of public health in which you would like to work after you have completed your studies.
- Do not repeat information already provided in your CV, however you may develop it E.g. if you mention some facts in your CV (voluntary work, internships, other activities etc.), in your motivation letter you may emphasize aspects of this experience that in your opinion are important to justify your predispositions for a public health programme and the specialty you have selected.
- This essay should not be a literary work. It should be authentic and provide a concrete justification of why you are a good candidate for the MPH programme.
- Do not repeat information already provided in your CV, however you may develop it. For example, if you mention some facts in your CV (voluntary work, internships, other activities etc.), in your motivation letter you may emphasise aspects of this experience that in your opinion are important to justify your predispositions for a public health programme and/or a given specialisation.
- **This motivation letter should not be a literary work**. It should provide a concrete justification of (1) why this is a good programme for you, and (2) why you are a good candidate for the Master of Public Health programme.
- It is recommended to mention the specific interest in the area(s) of public health you would like to work on during your studies or/and after. The letter should also include a perspective on public health beyond the individual.

CV
- Any format of the Curriculum Vitae (CV) is accepted, however, *__Europass format__* is strongly recommended.
- For each experience listed on your CV, please clearly indicate the **city** and **country** where it took place.
- Do not use abbreviations, only full names of institutions, universities, projects etc. (e.g. *Federal University of Technology Akure*, not *FUTA*).

University degree(s)

- Upload a scanned copy of both the original university degree **in English or in French:** scan copy of both original university diploma <u>and</u> official or sworn English translation, if the original documents are not in English or in French.
- Do not translate your official academic degree yourself (it has to be either an official document in English issued by your university, or a copy of the original document translated by a sworn translator).
- Provide all university degrees you have obtained, e.g. if you are a holder of a bachelor's and a master's degree, you should upload documents relating to both degrees
- If you are finishing Bachelor studies in 2024-2025, you may still submit an application. In that case, please **clearly indicate the expected date of graduation in your CV** as well as **provide an official certificate from your university** informing on the expected graduation date.

- In case you are selected to join the course for September 2025 intake, it will be under the condition that you provide proof that you obtained your degree prior to the beginning of the programme.

University transcript(s)

- Upload a scanned copy of both original university transcripts (statement of results) and the English translation (if the original transcripts are not in English or in French). Do not translate your official academic documents yourself - it has to be either an official document in English issued by your university, or a copy of the original document translated by a sworn translator.

- Provide transcripts related to **all university degrees** you have obtained, e.g. if you are a holder of a bachelor's and a master's degree, you should upload documents relating to both degrees.

- If you are finishing your Bachelor studies in 2024-2025, provide all your transcripts to date.

- Provide the descriptors of how the GPA is calculated in the country of your university (if available).

- Do not interpret grading scales by converting your country's system into another scale.

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   OR

> **language test results**: *please check what kind of tests we accept and what is a needed minimal score on the* **MPH website**.

⚠ Any application that does not include **either** a valid English language test **among those specified on the MPH website OR** meet the exemption condition **specified on the MPH website won't be eligible**.

Please upload a copy of the proof you referred to in the section called "Language Proficiency" of the application form.

Optional documents

Other document you want to communicate. For instance, for the MPH course application you may attach as optional document, a third reference letter, another university degree…
You can upload 3 extra documents.

Sending the application

1. The column on the right of the page shows sections you have to fill in and which documents have been uploaded. It will help you identify what is left for you to do in order to successfully submit your application.

2. Do not forget to **SUBMIT your application**: when you fill in the form and attach all mandatory documents (and optional if relevant) you need to click the "**Send application file**" button to finish your application process.

3. After the application is sent, you receive an automatic confirmation email. If you do not receive this email (please check also your spam-box), please contact the MPH administrative Team: **mph@ehesp.fr**.

4. Please be sure that your application was sent. **Only then your application will be taken into consideration by the Selection Committee.**

Additional Requirements for <u>eligible</u> Students

Please note that an interview may also be required in addition to the eligibility criteria, at the discretion of the MPH jury.