

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM

Instructions for Applicants 2026-27 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 <u>English</u> <u>official/sworn translation</u> if the original documents were issued in another language than <u>English</u> <u>OR</u> <u>French</u>
- 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

- 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 EHESP team 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) 2026/2027
 - Master of Public Health (M2) 2026/2027



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:

- 8 December 2025 (for application to the year 1 M1)
- 10 February 2026 (for application to the year 2 M2).

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, 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 2025-2026, 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 2026 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. 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*).
- Use "+ Add" (located at the bottom right) to open a next record, to enter information about a next work experience.

Part 4: Language Proficiency

As a language proficiency proof, you have to provide one of the following documents:

Language test results: please check which kind of tests we accept and what is a needed minimal score

on the <u>MPH website</u>. The date of the test must be **less than 2 years old** at the beginning of the course (i.e. **no older than 1**st **September 2024 for the academic year 2026-2027** – the date taken into account is the date of the test, not the date of receipt of the results).

- **Passport**: please check the list of countries whose citizenship we accept as a language proficiency proof on the *MPH website*. Non-listed citizenship cannot be accepted **in any case**.
- Degree diploma: we accept a previous higher education degree fully taught in English, in one of the countries listed in our requirements please check the detailed rules on the <u>MPH website</u>. In addition, you have to demonstrate that the whole study was conducted in English. If this is not clearly stated in a degree diploma, please attach additionally an official document issued by the university proving it.

A copy/copies of the proof(s) you referred to in this section have to be uploaded in the corresponding place(s) ("English proficiency proof"; "Copy of your passport"; "Diploma/document from your previous higher education") in the "Attachments" section.

Part 5: Concentration choice

You need to choose which **specialization** (among the five tracks listed below) you wish to follow during the second year of study.

You can find more information about the concentrations and the modules on the MPH website.

You must indicate two track choices in your application, ranked in order of priority.

Please select a first choice and a second choice and clearly justify your first choice in your cover letter. If your first choice is not supported by a clear explanation in your cover letter, your application may be 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 6. Additional Questions

Please indicate how you heard about the MPH Program.

Part 7. 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 and 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 2025-2026, 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 2026 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 2025-2026, 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.

Language proficiency proof

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

See "Part 5: Language Proficiency", page 4, in this guideline.

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.

Letter of recommendation

- In this section, please provide two different letters of recommendation.
- Both letters of recommendation should be from an academic or professional contact (lecturer, supervisor, work manager, etc). References from personal contacts will not be accepted.
- Reference letters must be written on the letterhead of the institution to which the referee belongs and
 must contain the following information: name and title of the referee, his/her position, e-mail address
 and telephone number, as well as the institution's contact details.
- At least, two references are MANDATORY. Should you have additional reference letters you would like
 to share with the MPH admission committee, please upload them within the "additional document" space
- Instructions for your referees What their recommendation letter should include:
 - Explain your suitability for the Master of Public Health programme.
 Your referee should describe why they believe you are a good candidate for the MPH, highlighting

your motivation, relevant skills, and potential to succeed in an international and multidisciplinary public health environment.

- Comment on your academic or professional achievements.
 They should mention any notable accomplishments, such as academic results, research experience, or professional contributions in health or related fields.
- Describe the work you have done under their supervision or in collaboration with them. This may include specific tasks, projects, or responsibilities you undertook, along with their assessment of your performance and engagement.
- **Provide any additional information they consider relevant to your application.**Your referee is welcome to share further insights that could support your candidacy, such as personal qualities, leadership potential, or challenges you have overcome.

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 eligible Students

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