APPLICATION FEE WAIVER REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS

A limited number of application fee waivers are available for applicants to Biostatistics graduate programs who are U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents of the U.S. and meet additional eligibility criteria. The application fee waivers are available only to cover the primary application fee within the SOPHAS system; secondary application fee waivers are not available. Prospective students that do not meet eligibility criteria in these categories may request an application fee waiver with justification.

Please note: fee waivers must be issued before submitting your application. We cannot issue reimbursements for the application fee.

Applicants are eligible for an application fee waiver for:

- **Documented financial hardship**: Financial eligibility criteria found on the website [https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines](https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines). Documentation may include a financial award letter from the college you currently attend or a copy of FAFSA or Student Aid Report (SAR). Please redact all social security numbers from the documentation before submitting.

- **Documentation of the following**:
  
  - Participation in the Annual Biomedical Research Conferences for Minority Students (ABRCMS)
  - Participation in the Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS)
  - Participation in the Diversity Summer Internship Program (DSIP) at the Bloomberg School of Public Health
  - Participation in a MathAlliance career event or program (e.g. F-GAP)
  - Participation in a Summer Institute for Biostatistics (SIBS) Program
  - Participation in an Eastern North American Region (ENAR) International Biometric Society Diversity Workshop
  - U.S. Military service
  - Attendance at a VTSI-eligible undergraduate institution ([review the list of eligible MSIs](#))
  - Application to an eligible VTSI PhD program ([review the list of eligible VTSI PhD programs](#))

Documentation may be a copy of your registration at a conference or workshop, an unofficial copy of your undergraduate transcript, or your notification of acceptance into one of the programs listed above.
To be considered for an application fee waiver from the Department of Biostatistics graduate programs, applicants must meet the eligibility requirements and provide this document (signed by the applicant) and supporting materials described above before submitting the application. All documentation must be received by email to Mary Joy Argo (margo@jhu.edu) no later than 5 PM (local time here in Baltimore) on Thursday, November 18, 2021 except for Vivien Thomas Scholars Initiative applicants, for whom the deadline is no later than 5 PM (local time here in Baltimore) on Wednesday, November 10, 2021.

If you are approved for a fee waiver, you will be notified via email by Mary Joy Argo.

Applicant Name: ________________________________
Last ________________________________ First ________________________________ Middle ________________________________

Present Address: ____________________________________________________________
Street/P.O. Box
City ____________________________ State/Province ____________________________ Zip/Postal Code ____________________________ Country ____________________________

Telephone Number: ________________ Date of Birth: ________________
(Present) (mm/dd/yyyy)

Program(s) applying to: ______________________________________________________

Student Certification: I certify that I have met the above criteria and that the information provided on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant ____________________________ Printed Name ____________________________ Date ____________________________