**Application Fee Waiver**

A limited number of application fee waivers are available for applicants to one of the Master of Applied Science (MAS) programs who are U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents of the U.S. and meet additional eligibility criteria. Prospective students who do not meet eligibility criteria in these categories may request an application fee waiver with justification. Applicants may request a fee waiver by emailing Morgan Fredericks at mfreder8@jh.edu with subject line “SOPHAS Fee Waiver for OPAL Program.”

Please note fee waivers must be issued before submitting your application. We cannot retroactively issue reimbursements to those who have already paid the application fee.

The deadline to submit a fee waiver request and documentation is June 10, 2023.

Applicants may be eligible for an application fee waiver if they meet any of the following criteria:

- *Documented financial hardship*
- Referred by an OPAL alumnus or current student
- Employed by:
  - SOURCE CBO (Community-based organizations) Partners
  - Hospital or healthcare organization located in:
    - Maryland
    - Washington, DC
    - Virginia
    - Pennsylvania
    - New York
    - New Jersey
- Membership in one of the following organizations:
  - ANA (American Nurses Association)
  - MNA (Maryland Nurses Association)
  - ACHE (American College of Healthcare Executives)
  - Esri (Environmental Systems Research Institute)
  - FGDC (Federal Geographic Data Committee)
  - OGC (Open Geospatial Consortium)
- Participation in one of the following:
  - ACHE Congress on Healthcare Leadership (March 2023)
  - IHI Patient Safety Congress - May 2023

* Financial hardship is defined as earning less than 200% of the poverty level based on your household size, see [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 your FAFSA or Student Aid Report (SAR). Please redact all social security numbers from the documentation before submitting.