

Where is the event?

The event will take place on the Oakland Campus of the University of Pittsburgh, Department of Physical Therapy. The department facilities are located at Bridgeside Point 1, 100 Technology Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 and The Box Office, 425 Cinema Drive, Pittsburgh, PA, 15203. The clinical observation experiences will take place in conveniently located UPMC inpatient and outpatient facilities. Scholars will stay at the Hyatt House South Side, located a short walk from the Department of Physical Therapy academic facilities.

When is the event?

Sunday, May 18, 2025, through Friday, May 23, 2025

The week-long event will kick off Sunday evening with a social gathering and conclude Friday at 5pm EST.

Who should apply?

Rising sophomores, juniors and seniors from:

- Underrepresented racial and ethnic populations
- Individuals from geographically underrepresented areas
- First generation students

How do students apply?

Eligible students are encouraged to apply early! The application process includes student information and a brief personal statement. The topic of the personal statement should answer the following question: "How will you benefit from the ADaPT Summer Scholars Program?". The submission should be less than 500 words and limited to a 1 page, single-paged word document. Interested applicants can access the application [here!](#)

Where can students find more information?

Additional Information can be found on the ADaPT website:

<https://www.shrs.pitt.edu/pt/about/adapt>.

Who should students contact with questions?

Questions can be addressed to the ADaPT team at

PittADaPT@groups.pitt.edu.

Advancing Diversity in Physical Therapy (ADaPT@Pitt)

Summer Scholar Experience FAQs

What is ADaPT?

Advancing Diversity in Physical Therapy (ADaPT) is a program designed to engage, recruit and advance diverse students into graduate physical therapy education. ADaPT provides structured opportunities for students to explore the profession of physical therapy and receive pre-admission support through the application process.

What is the Summer Scholar Experience?

This week long immersive event provides physical therapy career exploration opportunities and activities for students from diverse groups that are underrepresented in the profession. Students will stay on campus and participate in hands on workshops. Activities will include clinical observation experiences, crafting a personal statement, tips on completing a quality application and networking events with both peer and professional mentors. Students will get to interact with faculty from the #1-ranked Physical Therapy program in the country and increase the competitiveness of their future application to DPT programs.

What is included in the experience?

"This course will challenge what you believe is your leadership style and equip you with the tools to pivot as a leader in a diverse clinical or educational setting. This course will also expose the learner to experts in multiple disciplines of leadership from clinical, health informatics and academia. The course challenged my previous leadership style and challenged me to be introspective as a leader and a person."