Five Public Health Community Scholars Named

The School of Public Health at the University of Memphis is pleased to announce the second of three cohorts of Public Health Community Scholars. The following five first-year MPH students were named 2016 Public Health Community Scholars: Kaci Foster, Leah Reish, Renea Satterwhite, Obrenka Thompson, and Shukura Umi. These scholarships were made possible by a $500,000 gift from a generous, anonymous donor.

Awardees will receive a monthly stipend during their 3-month summer MPH Practicum and the following academic year that completes their graduate study. Additionally, a tuition waiver will be provided for the second year of MPH coursework. In return, students will work 20 hours per week during their 3-month summer practicum at a community location and will continue working 20 hours/week at that location during the following academic year.

Awards were made on the basis of history of contribution to health improvement in the Memphis metropolitan area, academic qualifications, advisor recommendation, and demonstrated need. The awards committee consisted of SPH faculty and community public health practitioners. The School of Public Health is proud to recognize these scholars whose efforts will contribute greatly to the health of our community.