PhD Health Services Research (HSR) Admissions Checklist

☐ **Online Application**
  o Visit SOPHAS.org and select "Apply"
  o **Fee Waivers -** SOPHAS offers a Fee Assistance Program to qualified applicants on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 617-612-2090 to learn more.

☐ **Graduate Entrance Exams -** Admission decisions may be based in part on unofficial scores, but official scores are required prior to full admitted status.
  o **GRE:** Submit results directly to SOPHAS by using **ETS code 4221.**
  o **Other acceptable exams:** GMAT, MCAT
  o **Waivers:** Test requirements are waived for applicants who have earned any of the following degrees: PhD, MD, DMD, DDS, PharmD, DVM, DO, DNP, or DSc from an accredited U.S. institution.

☐ **Official Transcripts**
  o Submit official transcripts from all previously attended undergraduate and graduate institutions directly through SOPHAS.

☐ **SOPHAS Evaluations/Recommendations**
  o A minimum of three (3) recommendations are loaded directly to SOPHAS by your recommenders. Enter evaluator contact information in SOPHAS Express. Evaluators will be sent an evaluation questionnaire electronically; there is no requirement for a "letter of recommendation", just the SOPHAS evaluation questionnaire. At least one (1) of the evaluations must be completed by a faculty member who taught or supervised the applicant.

☐ **Professional Resume/CV**
  o Highlight professional experience, academic accomplishments, publications, and other areas that will showcase your overall competitiveness for the PhD HSR program.

☐ **Pre-requisites**
  o Master's degree in a related field (e.g., public health, public administration and policy, health care administration, sociology, economics, or biostatistics) or an advanced clinical practice degree (e.g., PharmD, MD, PA, or NP degree). A minimum cumulative graduate GPA of 3.0 required.

☐ **International Applicants**
  o All **foreign transcripts** must be evaluated by the World Education Services (WES.org) and submitted directly to SOPHAS.
  o All applicants whose native language is <u>not</u> English will be asked to self-report one of these scores on the application: **TOELF/IELTS English Proficiency Tests.** Admission decisions may be based in part on unofficial scores, but official scores are required prior to full admitted status. This requirement can be waived for students who've earned an undergraduate or graduate degree from an accredited US institution.
    ▪ Minimum TOEFL score: 79. Minimum IELTS score: 6.5.
    ▪ Learn more at https://gradschool.uky.edu/test-scores.

Application Deadlines
☐ Final application deadline for all applicants: 1 February 2022

Direct all questions or inquiries to ukcph@uky.edu.