The Health Communication Research Laboratory (HCRL) is offering Masters Research Fellowships (two years, renewable year-to-year) to incoming graduate students at the Brown School pursuing an MPH/joint degree. Students should be interested in health communication research and in particular, research related to COVID-19 vaccination and testing and/or countering misinformation. The student receives faculty and staff mentorship and opportunities to contribute to health communication research and program development.

The HCRL conducts innovative, community-based research to increase the reach and effectiveness of health information to vulnerable populations. The HCRL is committed to sharing and disseminating the programs and products it develops, building community partnerships, and developing a diverse public health workforce. For additional information and descriptions of our research and programs developed, please review our website: http://hcrl.wustl.edu.

Skills and Qualifications

Interested applicants should have strong verbal, written, organizational, and research skills, exceptional attention to detail, as well as a strong interest in health communication, unmet basic needs, and/or underserved populations. Students who are self-motivated, charismatic, and reliable are preferred. The student should be able to work an average of 10 hours per week.

Responsibilities

The student will primarily be responsible for supporting ongoing COVID-19 research projects at the HCRL. These tasks and responsibilities may include:

- Assisting with quantitative and qualitative data collection, data entry, and database management. These tasks may include conducting telephone surveys, or attending community COVID-19 vaccination events.
- Learning new software programs such as FileMaker Pro to assist with data entry and database management, or other data visualization software to assist with development of data graphics.
- Reviewing and coding qualitative interviews.
- Monitoring and tracking social media, newsletters, and communications materials of community partners and trusted messengers.
- Writing and testing health messages.
- Pretesting participant surveys and other computer-based programs developed in the HCRL.
- Students with advanced analytic skills may have the opportunity to assist in additional data management and analysis tasks.
- Performing other HCRL or project-specific duties as needed and as assigned by the Project Manager.

Other opportunities related to this position

- Author or co-author abstracts submitted to national scientific meetings (i.e., APHA) or manuscripts submitted to peer-reviewed scientific journals using project data.