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Health Communication Research Laboratory

Research Assistant Position: COVID-19 Health Messaging Project

The Health Communication Research Laboratory (HCRL) has available research assistant positions for a multi-year COVID-19 health messaging project. As part of a community engagement initiative of the NIH to support underserved and vulnerable populations disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, the project partners with 2-1-1 helplines across the United States to identify ways to better communicate with individuals about COVID-19 testing and vaccinations.

Faculty Sponsorship

The HCRL is led by our Director, Dr. Matthew Kreuter, and our Co-Directors, Dr. Charlene Caburnay and Dr. Amy McQueen (<https://hcrl.wustl.edu/about-us/our-team/>). Mentorship and opportunities to contribute to health communication research and program development are provided by faculty and staff.

Skills and Qualifications

Research assistant positions are open to all Brown School Students (MSW, MPH, and MSP). Interested applicants should be willing to work in a fast-paced environment, have excellent verbal, written and organizational skills, and previous experience or motivation to cultivate skills in qualitative research and health communication. Ideal applicants have a strong understanding of the social determinants of health and a desire to support underserved and vulnerable populations impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Students who are empathetic and dependable are preferred. While hours are flexible, research assistants are asked to contribute at least 5 hours per week to project responsibilities.

Primary Responsibilities

Responsibilities are dependent upon project phase at time of application and hiring.

- *Primary responsibility 1:* Learns and utilizes software programs such as FileMaker Pro and Qualtrics to assist with data entry and database management.

- *Primary responsibility 2:* Performs qualitative content analysis of phone call recordings and field notes concerning COVID-19 information requests.
- *Primary responsibility 3:* Supports transcription and analysis of 2-1-1 caller and information specialist surveys and interviews.
- *Primary responsibility 4:* Helps in the development of communication strategies for various audiences and mixed-methods analyses of message testing.
- *Primary responsibility 5:* Perform other HCRL or project-specific duties as needed and as assigned by the Project Manager or Director.

Compensation & Benefits

Graduate Student Pay Rate: \$15.00 per hour.

Application Process

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To apply, please submit your resume and a Cover Letter to Alexis Marsh at alexis.marsh@wustl.edu

Application Timeline

Applications will be reviewed and accepted on a rolling basis.