



The Chu Lab is part of the University of Washington Department of Medicine. Our research focuses on the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of influenza, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and other respiratory viruses. The lab is looking to hire Student Research Assistants to support a project investigating the spread of influenza in sheltered homeless populations in Seattle. Students will staff various research sites at shelters located throughout the city in several shifts a week. Responsibilities will include obtaining informed patient consent, collecting a nasal swab from each patient, collecting environmental samples from each site, transporting swabs back to the lab, and adhering to all study protocols. This is a paid position and all costs of transportation to and from sites will be covered. All necessary training will be provided prior to beginning work on the study. Students will be expected to commit to between 10-20 hrs/week.

Minimum Requirements:

- In 3rd year of undergraduate training or greater; at least 3 quarters of Biology, Chemistry or Nursing courses with at least one having included a lab component if applicant is not a graduate-level student
- Strong communication skills.
- Demonstrates sensitivity in working with marginalized populations
- Ability to establish and maintain professional boundaries in working with shelter clients

Preferred:

- Graduate students of Public Health, Nursing, Medicine or Social Work.
- Experience working or observing in a clinical setting, and/or experience working with this population
- Fluency in Spanish, Amharic, or Tigrinya.