

Research Internships and Volunteer Opportunities Center for HIV/AIDS Educational Studies and Training (CHEST)

250 W 26th St. Manhattan

M-Th: 9am to 9pm, F: 9am to 5pm and Sat: 10am to 6pm.

CHEST is always looking for enthusiastic individuals willing to volunteer their time as an intern or volunteer. *Please note that all internship and volunteer opportunities are unpaid.*

Examples of Ongoing Projects & Opportunities for Interns/Volunteers

- Gain exposure to qualitative research through transcribing interviews.
- Participate in recruitment efforts by preparing materials and attending events, venues and organizations catering to our populations of interest.
- Be part of the team that moves projects along by screening potential participants for eligibility, making reminder calls to participants, helping to organize data, making appointment binders, or performing data quality assurance tasks.
- Enter data from assessments and field surveys.
- Organize data for various projects.
- Train and engage in Motivational Interviewing Treatment Integrity (MITI) Coding. Motivational interviewing is a client centered counseling method utilized in many CHEST behavioral interventions. MITI coding involves listening to counseling sessions and scoring the therapist on their use of MI skills. Given that this involves intensive training, we ask that interns who wish to train in MITI coding commit to at least two semesters of work at CHEST.
- Assist with literature searches for papers and grants in process. Work closely with a staff person to create annotated bibliographies and literature reviews in support of the publication and funding process.
- *Please note that due to the level of training and time commitment required, interns and volunteers do not engage in counseling or outreach directly with study participants.*

CUNY Intern/Volunteer Hours: Interns and volunteers are asked to commit 7 hours per week.

Hunter College Undergraduate Students:

1. Independent Study (Psych 201) –Write a short paper about your experiences.
2. Independent Research (Psych 395) –Write a longer paper based on data that you've been working with. *Only for those who complete Psych 201.*
3. Honor Thesis I & II (Psych 396/398) –Write a research paper using CHEST data and go on to graduate with departmental honors. *Students spend two semesters working on their thesis.*

Hunter College Master's and Graduate Center Students should send their CV and cover letter to Dr. Corina Lelutiu-Weinberger - cweinberger@chestnyc.org

Brooklyn College Students: 100 hours/semester. Health and Nutrition Science Students register for HNS 83.1. Prior research experience is not necessary, but 12 credits of HNS coursework must be completed with at least a 3.0 GPA. Send CV and cover letter to Dr. Christian Grov - cgrov@brooklyn.cuny.edu

Other CUNY Students: If you are a Hunter Student (but your major/minor is not in Psychology), are a Brooklyn College Student (but your major is not Health and Nutrition), or are with a different CUNY school, you may still be eligible to register for an Internship via your department. Contact your department to see if they offer "Independent Study" or "Internship" Credits. You will register within your department; however your time will be spent here at CHEST. Send your CV and cover letter to Dr. Corina Lelutiu-Weinberger- cweinberger@chestnyc.org

Other Academic Institutions: CHEST is delighted to work with Interns from academic institutions outside of the CUNY system (Graduate and Undergraduate). If you would like to receive credit for internship hours at CHEST, please consult with faculty advisors at your home institution. Please review our list of ongoing research studies. Send your CV and cover letter to Dr. Corina Lelutiu-Weinberger- cweinberger@chestnyc.org.