



FAITH-CRC Volunteer Information Sheet

The FAITH-CRC (Faith-Based Approaches in the Treatment of Hypertension & Colorectal Cancer) project is a randomized control trial working with churches and mosques all over New York City. We offer free health screenings at church and mosques in conjunction with our Mobile Van program. During these events we will be looking to screen black men over 50 years of age in particular to enroll in our study. In order for a man to be eligible for our project he must 1)self-identify as black or African American, 2)be over 50 years of age, 3)have high blood pressure and 4)have not had a colonoscopy in the past 10 years. After the initial screening event, eligible participants will be invited back to complete a baseline interview and the intervention component of our project. We rely heavily on volunteers to help take blood pressure, screen the men at these events and then complete their baseline interviews at a later date. Our FAITH-CRC volunteers are positive, outgoing, committed, eager to learn, and pay close attention to detail. Volunteering with FAITH-CRC is an excellent opportunity, particularly for students interested in a career in public health, nursing, medicine, or the social sciences.

Responsibilities:

- ☐ Complete an online ethics course
- ☐ Sign a financial disclosure form and provide your resume or CV for IRB approval
- ☐ Attend the FAITH-CRC Volunteer Training and meet with NYU study staff for individual practice
- ☐ Attend weekend recruitment dates as well as mid-week follow-up visits with participants
- ☐ Minimum commitment of 100 hours

Benefits:

- ☐ Gain real-life experience in community-based research:
 - Recruiting church/mosque members with hypertension
 - Obtaining informed consent
 - Conducting structured, face-to-face interviews with study participants
 - Collecting and entering data into project database
- ☐ Learn how to take physiological measurements such as blood pressure, height, waist circumference, and weight using the most advanced technology
- ☐ Receive one-on-one and group training on interviewing and administration of psychosocial assessments
- ☐ Establish relationships with NYU faculty and staff with the possibility of future recommendations
- ☐ Fulfill a school internship or practicum requirement

The FAITH-CRC study is continuing for the next 2 years, allowing ample opportunity for ongoing experience and relationship building. If interested please send your resume and a brief description of your availability to Jordan Plumhoff at jordan.plumhoff@nyumc.org