



## Students Wanted

### Internship/Field Placement Opportunity

#### A Study of Hepatitis C in Persons Who Inject Drugs (PWID)

**Project description:** The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) AIDS Institute, in collaboration with participating syringe exchange programs throughout the New York City area, is conducting an anonymous study to learn more about the activities that put people who inject drugs at risk for becoming infected with hepatitis C. The study involves administering a hepatitis C rapid test and a face-to-face questionnaire. Results will be used to inform prevention and intervention activities.

**Responsibilities:** Students will screen and enroll potential participants as well as administer the rapid test and questionnaire (training will be provided). This is a response driven sampling method. The students would also be responsible for tracking participation, recruitment and incentive delivery. Students could volunteer at one or more syringe exchange program depending upon available time.

**Time requirements:** The amount of time required is flexible though would require at least 4 hours per week. Each participating syringe exchange program is targeting enrollment of 50 individuals. Recruitment and data collection is slated for 6 months or until target is reached.

**Qualifications:** Under graduate and graduate student with an interest in health, community health, public health. Non-judgmental approach. Spanish speaking a plus.

**What you would learn:** Interviewing skills, sampling methods, data analysis, knowledge of HCV, harm reduction, injection drug use behaviors. Students will also have an opportunity to participate in regular calls with NYSDOH during the study period.

**Type of Placement:** Volunteer, unpaid

**Contact Information:** Interested students should contact:

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