

PRODUCE Study Research Internship - Cambridge Health Alliance

Have you ever wondered:

What can I do about the fact that food insecurity in Massachusetts has increased by 59% due to the COVID-19 pandemic and 1 in 7 Massachusetts residents are currently facing food insecurity?

Then join the Community Health Improvement Department at the Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA) to make a real difference & help tackle food insecurity.

The PRODUCE Study is a research partnership of the Cambridge Health Alliance, Revere Care Center, The Greater Boston Food Bank, Tufts Health Plan, and Good Measures to evaluate the impact on health of a monthly free produce market located at CHA Revere Care Center and virtual engagement with a nutritional coach.

In light of the Massachusetts food crisis and its impact on health, our study aims to determine the effect of attending a produce market hosted at the CHA Revere Care Center and receiving nutrition coaching on:

- Fruit and vegetable intake
- Intermediate health outcomes (e.g. hemoglobin A1c, blood pressure, PHQ-9 scores)
- Health care utilization (e.g. emergency department visits, hospitalization, missed visits)

We are looking for motivated interns interested in public health research to assist in data collection and disseminating our research findings.

This is an unpaid position, but we are open to offering school credit or volunteer hours.

The expected contribution is 12-20 hours per week. Days of the week are flexible.

WHERE: Remote for the time being due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In-person work to be determined.

WHEN: 2021 Winter/Spring Semester with potential to extend to Summer 2021

Experience & Skills

- Strong writing & communication skills, experience with scientific writing a plus
- Organized, self-motivated, takes initiative, great attention to detail, enjoys learning new skills
- Experience conducting surveys or similar transferable skills
- Ability to conduct research interviews by phone
- Spanish or Portuguese fluency, Preferred
- Proficient with spreadsheets, Word documents, online data input
- Experience with Social Media Campaigns or Web Development a plus
- College, graduate, or professional student interested in public health, community outreach, or food systems
- Identifies with CHA's mission, vision, and shares our core values: community, integrity, respect, compassion, learning, excellence (CIRCLE)

Intern Responsibilities

- Completing CHA CITI Research, Ethics, and Compliance Online Training in a timely manner
- Completing interviewer training & follow set workflows to track study progress
- Interviewing study participants over the phone (in multiple languages if multilingual)
- Assisting in planning, creating & regularly updating the research study website as needed
- Conducting literature reviews as needed
- Disseminating research findings by creating posters, contributing to manuscripts & reports
- Participating in research team planning meetings
- Participating in an exit interview to help improve the internship experience & future recruitment
- Other responsibilities as needed

To Apply

Please submit a cover letter and résumé to our research coordinator by email (**Jackie Bronico at jbronico@challiance.org**) with the subject line “PRODUCE Study Research Internship Application.”

In your cover letter, please answer the following questions:

- How would your skills and lived experience help you communicate our research findings to the communities we serve?
- How would this opportunity help your future career goals?

Application Deadline: 12/23/2020

We look forward to hearing from you & hope you join us in moving our project across the finish line!

Please direct any inquiries to Jackie Bronico at jbronico@challiance.org.

For more information about us, please visit: <https://www.challiance.org/community/health-improvement>.

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“Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA) is a vibrant, innovative health system that serves everyone in need. With over 140,000 patients in Cambridge, Somerville and Boston’s metro-north region, CHA is passionately local. It provides high quality, essential services like primary care, specialty care, hospital care, emergency services, maternity care and behavioral health in convenient neighborhood locations.

CHA’s work extends far beyond patient care. It has a robust Department of Community Health Improvement and operates the nationally accredited Cambridge Public Health Department. It collaborates closely with local governments and nonprofits to improve health and reduce barriers to care. As a teaching hospital of Harvard Medical School, Harvard School of Public Health, Harvard School of Dental Medicine and Tufts University School of Medicine, CHA is proud to train the health care providers of tomorrow.” (Source: <https://www.challiance.org/about/about-cha>)

