



Open Position: Summer Research Assistant (Communications)

Position Overview

The Center for Health Economics of Treatment Interventions for Substance Use Disorders, HCV, and HIV (CHERISH) seeks a Research Assistant to support communications over the summer. This position is ideal for an undergraduate student interested in pursuing a career in public health and/or communications. The Research Assistant will gain exposure to health economics research related to advancing treatment and care for substance use disorder, HIV, and hepatitis C, while helping to increase visibility for CHERISH and affiliated researchers by supporting communications.

This is a full-time paid position for the summer, based in Weill Cornell Medicine in New York, NY.

The individual will report to the CHERISH communications manager and will be required to be onsite at least 3 days per week and may work remotely up to 2 days per week.

To Apply

Email your resume, cover letter, and a writing sample to Bonnie Tse (byt4001@med.cornell.edu) no later than Monday, June 3, 2024. In your cover letter, describe your past experiences in writing for digital platforms or communicating a complex topic for a lay audience.

Responsibilities Include:

- Researching and helping to develop a dissemination resource for researchers on the CHERISH website
- Assisting in writing blogs that synthesize results of studies published by CHERISH investigators and colleagues
- Drafting social media posts related to health economics and substance use disorder research
- Supporting ongoing website maintenance

Preferred Qualifications:

- Ability to communicate research in succinct summaries
- Familiarity with writing and posting on social media (e.g., Twitter/X)
- Prior experience designing digital or print materials with Canva or Adobe programs
- Ability to prioritize work and communicate project updates
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office Suite

Minimum Qualifications:

- Enrolled in an undergraduate program with a focus on communications or public health;
OR
- Received related education, training and/or experience with a High School Diploma/GED;
OR
- 2 years of previous experience related to a communications role

About CHERISH

The Center for Health Economics of Treatment Interventions for Substance Use Disorders, HCV, and HIV (CHERISH) is a multi-institutional national Center of Excellence funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). CHERISH was founded in 2015 as a collaboration among Weill Cornell Medicine, Boston Medical Center, Boston University School of Public Health, University of Pennsylvania, and University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. CHERISH primarily develops and disseminates health economic research on healthcare utilization, health outcomes, and health-related behaviors to inform substance use disorder treatment policy and hepatitis C (HCV) and HIV care of people who use substances.