

## **Oregon State University and University of Oregon are partnering to bring the TRACE Project to the Eugene area on November 7-8 and are looking for UO students to join the team!**

### **Background of the Project**

[TRACE-COVID-19](#) is a public health project conducted by Oregon State University researchers to gather timely and important information about the prevalence and spread of the virus causing COVID-19 in Oregon communities. We are now partnering with University of Oregon to bring the project to Eugene. The project will provide information that is currently missing but essential for informing measures to slow the spread and minimize the impact of the disease. Because testing has been limited, and because mostly individuals with symptoms have been tested, no one knows how many people in communities actually have the virus. TRACE-COVID-19 will fill that gap.

### **Role and Responsibilities**

Students are important members of the field teams that engage participants at their homes. While Field Team Leads lead all interactions with households, students are responsible for navigating the team through the randomly identified neighborhoods (i.e. clusters), handling all forms (e.g. consent forms, 'leave behind' material, county letter of support, etc.), completing a tracking form, and maintaining the specimen collection kits (before sample is collected).

### **Eligibility**

Any current University of Oregon student (undergraduate or graduate) of any major is eligible to join the team. We are looking for highly motivated, responsible students who can follow project protocols.

### **Training**

Students receive online just-in-time training Thursday, November 5-9 pm. Training covers all aspects of field work activities including household selection process, all household interactions, safety, infection control, and logistics.

### **Infection Control**

Students are trained extensively on infection control, social distancing in the field, and how to properly engage participants. All field staff are tested for SARS-CoV-2 a few days before the weekend of data collection and only field staff with negative results are allowed to participate in data collection.

### **Payment**

These are paid positions working approximately 20 hours in total (training plus weekend of data collection). Pay is \$15/hour.

### **Contact**

If you would like to participate in this timely opportunity to help stop the spread of COVID-19, please contact Jeff Bethel, TRACE Co-Director, at [jeff.bethel@oregonstate.edu](mailto:jeff.bethel@oregonstate.edu). Be sure to mention you are a UO student interested in joining TRACE on 11/7-8.