



Research project for the “Life in COVID Study”

*U&I Summer Internship project in Collaboration with Research Team from Universities**

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, children, teens, and older adults have faced many challenges and responded with various coping strategies, including connecting with people from different generations. Some are unique to each age group, while others are shared by the groups but may be experienced in different ways. This U&I internship explores themes while contributing to an international research project studying the COVID-19 pandemic experiences of children, teens, and older adults.

The purpose of this U&I internship is to study the lasting impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on children and on teens by conducting a focus group with each group. In the focus group, you will explore family and friend relationships, digital experiences, social impacts, health impacts, among other issues. Your findings will be used to inform the [Life in COVID Study](#).

There will be two teams of interns (5 interns in each team). One team will focus on children’s experiences (currently 10-13 years old). Another team will focus on teens’ experiences (currently 14-19 years old).

The student interns are expected to:

- Actively participate in a series of online qualitative research methods training sessions led by a team of university researchers. (June-July)
- Plan and conduct one focus group. Identify and recruit 5-8 participants to participate in the focus group. Learn about sampling methods and how different methods affect study results. Follow the procedures for free, prior, and informed consent. Design a focus group guide. Create a research team contract. (June-July)
- Write a report (maximum 4 pages) summarizing your focus group findings, and your reflections on designing and conducting a qualitative research project. (August)
- Present your findings at the final summer internship presentation. (August)

U&I Offers:

1. Mentor Supervision with Subject matter expertise.
2. Advisory for execution & implementation of the project.
3. Certificate of completion.

**Collaborating Universities:*

University of Colorado – Boulder

University of Ottawa - Canada

University of Vermont

Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health