# Student Internship Opportunity

The Thrive project is a community-driven investigation of the home and community care needs and services available to older adults living with HIV/AIDS in British Columbia. The project is administered out of the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS. In this study, a team of academic researchers works alongside Peer Research Associates (who are older adults living with HIV themselves and who received training in qualitative research methods) to interview study participants, conduct data analysis and produce knowledge translation outputs for a diverse stakeholder audience, including community members, HIV and home care providers, community-based organizations, and policy makers. Our team is looking for a student who is interested to join our dynamic team to learn about community-based research and topics, such as: home and community care services for older adults, HIV and aging, stigma and discrimination. The prospective student will receive training in community-based research, will participate in team meetings and will contribute to the knowledge translation and exchange phase of our project. Some of the examples of knowledge translation outputs are: peer-reviewed manuscripts, plain language summaries of the study findings, reports, and webinar presentations delivered to a variety of audiences. Joining our team will provide a student with an understanding and practice of community-based research, skills in writing, summarizing research findings, oral presentations, and an opportunity to author a peer-reviewed manuscript.

Here is what our first student intern is sharing about their experience with Thrive:

*Through my time with them, I learned so much – which has shaped my career in really exciting ways! As my first exposure to community-based research, I learned about the value of engaging individuals with lived experience in the research process. I will carry forward what I learned from the Peer Research Associates and their expertise through the rest of my training and future career. Also, a lot of my time was focused on a project that assessed perceptions of cultural safety for older people living with HIV. Through this work, I realized how passionate I am about cultural safety, and contributing toward culturally safe clinical practices and research as a clinical psychologist. I am excited to apply what I learned to my Ph.D. dissertation, which will focus on cultural safety for Indigenous Peoples in the Canadian justice system. I will always remember my time with the Thrive team!*

We are looking to hire a student as soon as possible and we offer a **flexible remote work schedule**. The amount of weekly hours is negotiable and the salary will be commensurate with the experience of the successful candidate.

If you are passionate about community-based research or would like to learn more about it, we look forward to your application. Please email your CV and a brief writing sample to Anna Vorobyova, Thrive Research Coordinator, at avorobyova@bccfe.ca.

To learn more about the Thrive project, visit our website: <http://bccfe.ca/research/epidemiology-population-health/thrive>