Undergraduate Student Research Assistant
8-10 hours per week
Receive Compensation through: UROP, Course Credit or Work- Study
Start date: Spring 2021

About Connect to Collect:
The Connect to Collect project aims to increase family health, welfare, and income through making free tax preparation available to individuals, couples, and families and ensuring they apply for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). Consistently, in Utah, there is a 24% non-participation rate for the EITC- which means that 57,000 households did not apply for the EITC and that $66.4 million dollars in income assistance was foregone.

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is arguably the federal public initiative having the greatest impact on alleviating poverty and boosting the immediate incomes and lifetime prospects of low- and modest income working households. Yet, despite its auspicious status, the EITC has an unfortunately low participation rate, with an estimated one in five US eligible households leaving benefits unclaimed; in Utah, the rate is one in four, giving the state the dubious distinction of being among those with the lowest participation rates in the country.

Opportunity description:
The Connect to Collect program within the department of Family and Consumer Studies is seeking an undergraduate or graduate student research assistant. The selected candidate will assist in conducting surveys, data management, and analysis. Successful candidates will be independent self-starters, willing to learn research techniques, have excellent communication and organizational skills, work well with a team and be comfortable with computer databases.

Responsibilities:
• Conducting surveys
• Data management
• Collects and compiles data from a variety of sources.
• Gathers, organizes and analyzes data through interviews
• Maintains files and record for research protocols
• Assist in maintaining IRB protocols and study databases
• Assist with implementation of studies
• Draft project reports
• Other duties as assigned

Additional Information:
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