

ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM
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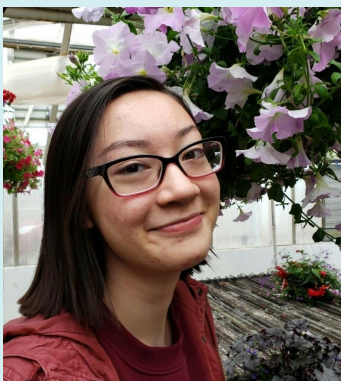


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*Our Vision: Alaska Native people are the
healthiest people in the world.*

Update on AKIRP Summer Internship Program 2023

This summer, the ANTHC Research Services Department hosted four Alaska Native/American Indian undergraduate and graduate student interns from universities in Arizona, Oklahoma and Washington. Their interests ranged from biology and Native American Studies to chemistry, astrophysics, ethnobotany, psychology, and community health. During their time at ANTHC, they had the opportunity to attend the Alaska Indigenous Research Program (AKIRP) and assisted with a variety of research projects in Community Health Services, Internal Medicine, the CDC Arctic Investigations Program, and the University of Minnesota. Interns also participated in tours and presentations and attended the ANTHC Health Research Review Committee meeting in July as guests. They assisted with the Colorectal Cancer Research Symposium and numerous other learning opportunities. At the end of their internship they gave presentations about their experiences and lessons learned. We would like to thank all mentors who ensured that their time here was a success.



Meet Our New Internship Coordinator

Amanda France began her role as ANTHC's Research Services Internship Coordinator on August 7th. She will be mentoring our interns, keeping in touch with our internship alums, and working with the AKIRP program which funds her position. She recently moved to Anchorage from Oregon, where she graduated from Willamette University with her Bachelors in psychology with a minor in Chinese. She enjoys playing with her cats, learning about medical history, and crocheting.

Meet the Current Research Services Interns

Seareen Maaita and Alaina Anderson began a 15-week Research Services internship at the beginning of August. They are both pre-med students at Georgetown University and will each be assisting ANTHC researchers on their current projects. They will also have opportunities to attend various trainings and events while they are here. Research Services is excited to host them and partner with Georgetown for the first time.

Alaina's Bio:

Hello! My name is Alaina Anderson. I am currently a senior at Georgetown University with a major in Global Health and a minor in Medical Humanities. Ultimately, I hope to become a pediatric cardiology intensivist. My research interests are focused on pediatric health disparities and health care delivery. In my free time, I enjoy traveling, trying new restaurants and playing board games.

Seareen's Bio:

Hello! My name is Seareen Maaita. I am currently a senior at Georgetown University studying Global Health on the pre-medical track. I am interested in researching women's health, specifically maternal and sexual/reproductive health. In my free time, you can find me painting, reading, and exploring all parts of Anchorage and Alaska as a whole!



Alaina Anderson (Left) and Seareen Maaita (Right)

Pathways to Promote Research Opportunities

One goal of ANTHC's Research Services is to provide pathways to educational experiences for students who are interested in pursuing health research-related careers. These opportunities can fulfill academic requirements and give students hands-on experience. This past summer, research physician Dr. James Keck mentored Ryan Tubon, a DrPH candidate at Walden University, on a project looking at the impacts of COVID-19 on diabetes. Ryan is also an ANTHC employee and was able to work after hours on a project with Dr. Keck. Thank you, Dr. Keck, for volunteering your time and expertise!

Upcoming Events, Resources, and Opportunities

- **Alaska INBRE** (IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence) will be hosting its **2023 Research Retreat** on September 29-October 1 at the Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge. The retreat will celebrate the valuable contributions of INBRE-funded research and will feature poster presentations, networking opportunities, speakers, and more. The deadline to register is September 8th. UAA students and members of partner organizations (including ANTHC) can register online at www.docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSczDdLLb4RsczAWP_MtczTpT6uGwhh2JKpeKzESzE-uoFsOSw/viewform
- The **Margo D. Kerrigan Travel Scholarship**, offered by the AIANNH Caucus, is currently accepting applications. The scholarship, open to AI/AN full-time undergrad/grad students and recent college graduates, covers the costs of attending the **2023 American Public Health Association's Annual Meeting & Expo** in Atlanta, Georgia on November 12-15. Scholarship applications are due September 15th. For more information, visit www.aiannhcaucus.com/post/margo-kerrigan-scholarship-2023
- **NW NARCH** (Native American Research Center for Health) **End of Summer Research Training Institute** is offering a new **online training track focusing on AI/AN Elder Health**. The track kick-off runs from October 2-6 and will then feature monthly webinars through June 2024. AI/AN health professionals, health sciences students, and professionals in other fields who are interested in Native health can apply at <https://web.cvent.com/event/abd342aa-74e2-43eb-8a93-1a3c6277b7c3/summary> by September 18th. Tuition is covered by an NIH grant.
- Applications are now open for the **Christine Mirzayan Science and Technology Policy Graduate Fellowship Program**, offered by the **National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine**. This fellowship program consists of 12 weeks of hands-on training in Washington, DC. Applications are due October 16th. Current graduate, postdoc, or professional school students in a science, engineering, or medical field and recent terminal-degree graduates can apply at <https://mirzayanfellow.nas.edu/Default.asp>
- The **Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics & Native Americans in Science (SACNAS)** is hosting the **National Diversity in STEM Conference** in Portland, Oregon on October 26-28th. Learn more or register at www.sacnas.org/conference and explore their career resources, leadership and mentoring programs, and webinars.
- University of Anchorage Alaska's **Alaska Native Art Students Exhibition** runs November 6th-February 9th on weekdays from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the UAA/APU Consortium Library ARC Gallery
- The **Indian Health Service Scholarship Program's** next application cycle will be open December 15th-February 28th. They offer three scholarships to AI/AN students who are enrolled in a health professions degree program. Recipients can also participate in their extern program, which provides students with paid hands-on experience. Find more information and apply at www.ihs.gov/scholarship/

Contact us if you have information you would like to share!

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