



# COVID-19 Laboratory Associate Program

## Join the COVID-19 Pandemic Response

The [Association of Public Health Laboratories \(APHL\)](#) and the [US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) are offering an exciting opportunity for scientists to use and expand their skill set while assisting public health laboratories with the COVID-19 pandemic response: the [COVID-19 Laboratory Associate Program](#).

## Program Specifics

The [COVID-19 Laboratory Associate Program](#) is a temporary, full-time appointment that allows bachelor's-, master's- and doctoral-level scientists to gain valuable experience in laboratory science, while networking with scientists on the front lines of public health. Appointments may begin as early as summer 2021 and continue through June 2022. These temporary assignments include a stipend, health insurance allowance, relocation assistance and other benefits.

Associates are placed in local and state public health laboratories throughout the US and its territories. Once in their host laboratories, associates are supervised by laboratory personnel and work on critical projects related to COVID-19 response. Appropriate training is provided as needed. Associates fill varied and critical roles at all levels of public health laboratories including:

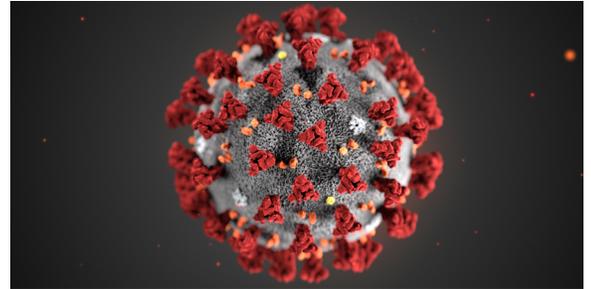
- Entering data on COVID-19 samples into laboratory information systems
- Preparing COVID-19 samples for testing
- Performing molecular or serologic testing on COVID-19 samples
- Preparing testing, biosafety or quality assurances protocols
- Analyzing laboratory data to assure testing quality, evaluate trends and inform laboratory best practices
- Conducting bioinformatics analysis on genetic sequences and developing reports.

In addition to laboratory-specific work, associates participate in distance-based training and learning activities to achieve proficiency in select [public health laboratory core competencies](#).

## Become a COVID-19 Laboratory Associate

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, and positions will be offered and filled as host laboratory opportunities are available.

[Submit an application for the COVID-19 Laboratory Associates Program](#).

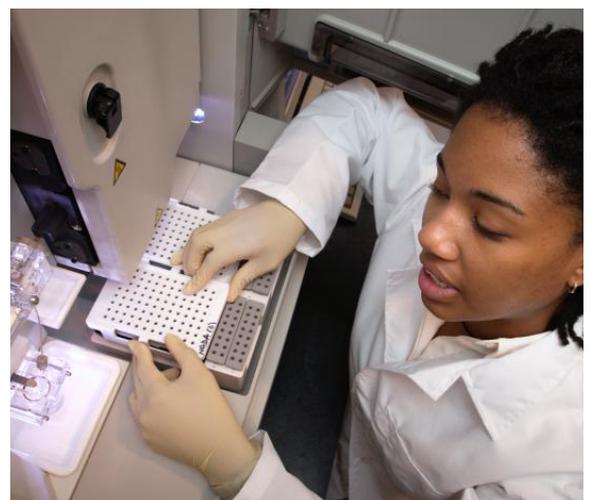


## What are Public Health Laboratories?

[Public health laboratories](#) are highly specialized governmental laboratories that monitor and detect a range of health threats, such as emerging and infectious diseases, genetic disorders in newborns, environmental hazards, biological terrorist agents and much more.

The US public health laboratory system has played an integral role in the national COVID-19 pandemic response, handling a large volume of high-complexity testing.

[Learn more about public health laboratories and their role in the COVID-19 response](#).



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