**Name of Potential Opportunity:** Trends in substance use among young adults during the COVID-19 pandemic

**Name and titles of potential supervisor/s (and link to external-facing RTI expert page, if available):**
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**Overview:** (2-4 sentences)
The purpose of this pilot study is to assess substance use trends among young adults during the COVID-19 crisis. We are using established social media listening techniques to determine shifts in mention of the use of alcohol and other drugs (i.e., cannabis, prescription drugs) among young adults before, during, and after the national emergency declaration (March 13, 2020). Responsibilities would include assisting with the development of queries for the social media listening tool, conducting literature reviews, and contributing to publications.

**Preferred skills:** (including foreign languages, programming languages, etc.)
Knowledge of substance use and risk/protective factors associated with substance use among young adults, knowledge of Boolean expressions, experience with literature reviews, and excellent written communication skills.

**Number or Interns:** 1