

# Sylvia Hadis

## Environmental Health (On Campus)



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Starting my program here at UF in 2018, I did not expect to meet so many lifelong companions and mentors. Not only has the program helped me grow academically, but also helped me grow with a team of colleagues by my side. I have gotten involved in research in the infectious diseases field which ultimately expanded my career interests. For my internship and special project, I have gotten involved in collegiate health research which based around UF's Student Health Care Research Center. I have also been a part of various organizations outside of the public health department.

### **How has your University of Florida MPH helped you achieve your goals?**

Being a part of University of Florida's Masters of Public Health program has really diversified my knowledge into many stems of healthcare. Being able to obtain my MPH degree has allowed me to move forward in my career with a better understanding of how I could contribute in improving quality of healthcare through research and how I can contribute in extraordinary ways as a future health professional. My affiliation with UF's MPH has allowed me to build contacts for future networking and professional growth by being able to develop amazing relationships with classmates, faculty, professors and other affiliates at the university. My experience has been a positive one and definitely encourage the program to anyone that is interested in diversifying their knowledge in the field of public health.

### **What are your plans after graduation?**

My plans after graduation is to submit my time into research dealing with infectious diseases. Now with the COVID-19 situation, I would like to study how this disease ultimately could affect different populations and environments. After working in research for a few years, I would eventually like to pursue my career in medicine in the field of infectious diseases.