Organizational Background
Seattle Children’s mission is to “provide hope, care and cures to help every child live the healthiest and most fulfilling life possible.” Our founding promise to the community is as valid today as it was over a century ago - we will care for all children in our region, regardless of their family’s ability to pay. Our hospital serves children and families across the largest geographic land mass of any U.S. pediatric hospital: Washington, Alaska, Montana and Idaho, collectively known as the “WAMI region.” Our hospital consists of a 400 bed pediatric hospital located in the NE Seattle. This project would be based at our staff offices at Roosevelt Commons in the University District.

Project Description
Seattle Children’s seeks to become a “climate resilient” organization. This requires a comprehensive assessment to determine how our hospital and data center buildings and operations are prepared for, or not, the impacts of climate change and expected population migration to the Pacific NW (PNW). This climate resilience assessment will follow the path recommended by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services “Sustainable and Climate Resilient Health Care” document, combined with student analysis and recommendations. Students will research regional, scientific analysis of expected climate change impacts; review and complete HHS checklists with staff and leader interviews by phone or in person; assess projected population growth models for the PNW; and align with city and county climate resiliency plans. Recommendations should also include recommendations for regional city/county/state policy changes that will enhance the ability of hospitals to become climate resilient and continue operations despite climate change impacts.

Travel Required?
No
Deliverables
The deliverables includes a written report for Seattle Children’s leadership team; and a final presentation of findings to relevant internal stakeholders.

Key Tasks for Consultants
Students will research regional, scientific analysis of expected climate change impacts; review and complete HHS checklists with staff and leader interviews by phone or in person; assess projected population growth models for the PNW; and align with city and county climate resiliency plans and policy.