PSYCHOLOGY 194 - ADVANCED RESEARCH IN SPECIAL PROJECTS

RESEARCH PROJECT TITLE: Exploring Latinx Parent Opinions on Elementary Schools: Conducting Interviews

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Brief description of Research Project:
The Identifying Barriers to Education: Exploring Latinx Parent Opinions on Elementary Schools study, explores the opinions of working class and working poor Latinx parents/guardians on primary school education. We will be conducting Spanish and English interviews of parents/guardians with preschool and elementary school-aged children. Interview questions will focus on participants' opinions about education, their experience with the school that their child is attending or will attend, and their observations of school culture. This study may identify practices and systems that currently support, and/or create barriers for low-income Latinx families in accessing and navigating elementary school opportunities.

Major Responsibilities of Undergraduate Research Assistant:
RAs will primarily be conducting interviews of parents in English and in Spanish, and then transcribing and translating those interviews. Other responsibilities could include editing protocol documents, translating, coordinating interviews, and/or work on the literature review. Training will be provided for all components of this RAship. Meetings to coordinate, train, and debrief will be held weekly to biweekly during the Fall quarter and as needed during the summer. RAs will be expected to work independently between meetings.

Prerequisites and Qualifications:
Potential candidates should have strong interpersonal skills to help conduct interviews. Fluency in Spanish is required. Strong attention to detail and ability to respond quickly to emails is also important. The following classes are desired but not required as prerequisites to apply: Research Methods, Intro to Social Psychology or Community Psychology (or a similar course related to Social or Community Psychology).

(If student does not fulfill this commitment, it can be reflected in their narrative evaluation.)

Estimated number of hours per week:
with Faculty Research Supervisor  ___
with Graduate Research Asst  4
independently on project  10

Written report will be required: Yes  Reading List will be assigned: Yes

Type of Academic Credit Available:
Advanced Developmental Research...Psychology 194A ___
Advanced Cognitive Research..............Psychology 194B ___
Advanced Social Research.................Psychology 194C  X

Number of Undergraduate Research Assistants needed for this project each quarter:  1-2

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