PSYCHOLOGY 194 - ADVANCED RESEARCH IN SPECIAL PROJECTS

RESEARCH PROJECT TITLE: "Change 4 Good" Live Oak Elementary Youth Participatory Action Research

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Brief description of Research Project:
The “Change 4 Good” YPAR project at Live Oak Elementary School is an after-school program working with 4th and 5th grade students who predominantly come from an under-represented community. The program teaches students how to conduct action research, providing opportunities to identify and define issues in their school and community that they would like to change. We then work closely with the students to plan and carry out courses of action to address the issues. As researchers, we assist students through this process by following a Participatory Action Research approach to social science research.

Major Responsibilities of Undergraduate Research Assistant:
Research assistants will be expected to attend weekly lab meetings where we will plan for upcoming after-school sessions (Tues. 2-3:45pm). Research assistants are also required to help create and lead lesson plans with the 4th and 5th grade researchers, regularly write detailed fieldnotes, and follow up with emails and other logistics for the program (Thurs. 2:20-4pm).

Prerequisites and Qualifications:
Must have experience working with youth, preferably between ages 8 to 12 years old; some experience with schools is also encouraged. It is recommended that students interested in this position have strong writing/note taking skills, and have taken Research Methods, Intro to Social or Community Psychology (or a similar course related to Social or Community Psych.). Students looking for applied, hands-on research experience should consider applying for this position. Also, it is strongly preferred that students interested in this position know some Spanish and are able to engage with students from culturally diverse backgrounds and communities. All students interested in applying for this position will be considered for an interview.

Expected length of student commitment: Fall X Winter X Spring X Summer _
(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 1
with Graduate Research Asst. 4
independently on project 10

Written report will be required: YES
Reading List will be assigned: YES
**Fieldnotes will be due 36 hours after field contact**
**Some reading will be assigned as part of training**

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: ___6___

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