Dear prospective student researcher,

My name is Isabela (\*Isa) Pérez. I am a fifth year doctoral candidate in the psychology department who works under the guidance of Dr. Carolyn B. Murray. Currently, I am in the dissertation stage of my graduate program and plan to pursue a participatory action research project with communities that are undocumented. Within this dissertation, the aim will be to establish a network between undocumented students and grassroots collectives in the Inland Empire to co-develop a participatory action research project that engages and empowers the undocumented community. Information is provided below on the eligibility criteria to be a student researcher, the training you will receive, and the benefits.

The application for the student researcher position is attached to this email and has been extended to **Thursday, April 15th, 2021, 12:00 pm, PT.** There are **two** more positions available.Pleasesubmit the application to the following email address: [isabela.perez@email.ucr.edu](mailto:isabela.perez@email.ucr.edu). If you are selected to be part of the research team, you will be notified by Thursday, April 15th, 2021 and provided with further information.

**Student Researcher Eligibility**

To be considered for the position as a student researcher you must meet the following criteria:

1. An undocumented undergraduate student (with or without DACA) attending UC Riverside
2. 18 years or older
3. Entering your second, third, or fourth year in the Fall of 2021.
4. A commitment of 18 consecutive months beginning April 2021 to September 2022 (summers included).

**Student Researcher Training Experience**

1. Completion of a 5 week training program that will focus on the intersections of undocumented migration, higher education, international human rights, and participatory action research.
2. Designing and conducting a participatory action research project alongside grassroots collectives in the Inland Empire that service undocumented communities.
3. Learning about grant writing and how to secure funding.
4. Preparing a proposal to submit for a scholarly journal on the topic of decolonial resistance, healing, and justice among undocumented communities.
5. Develop programming to host events around the topic of engaging in research with undocumented communities.

**Student Researcher Benefits**

1. Create an effective and sustainable initiative that benefits members of the undocumented community.
2. Expand your network through connections with faculty, staff, attorneys, and grassroots collectives both within and outside of UC Riverside.
3. Be provided with one-on-one mentorship to accomplish academic goals.
4. Receive a letter of recommendation for graduate programs or law school upon completion of hours and expectations.

Thank you for your time. Any inquiries about this position can be emailed to the following address [isabela.perez@email.ucr.edu](mailto:isabela.perez@email.ucr.edu).

With much appreciation,

Isa Pérez

**Application for the Student Researcher Position**

**Principal Lead: Isabela Pérez**

Thank you for your interest in applying to become a student researcher for the participatory action research project with undocumented communities. In order to be considered for a position, please complete the following application and return it to the contact person, Isabela Pérez

([isabela.perez@email.ucr.edu](mailto:isabela.perez@email.ucr.edu)) by **Thursday, April 15th, 2021, 12:00 pm, PT**.

**Name:**

**UCR E-mail:**

**Student ID**:

**Ethnicity:**

**Gender Identity:**

**Age:**

**Major**:

**Year in School:** □ Freshman □ Sophomore □ Junior □ Senior □ 5th Year or More

**Do you have any prior research experience?** □ Yes □ No

If yes, describe the nature of your research experience:

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**Are you planning on attending graduate school?** □ Yes □ No

**Are you planning on attending law school?**  □ Yes □ No

**Rate your proficiency with the following programs:**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **None** | **Some** | **A lot** | **Expert** |
| MS Word | **○** | **○** | **○** | **○** |
| MS Excel | **○** | **○** | **○** | **○** |
| Power Point | **○** | **○** | **○** | **○** |
| SPSS | **○** | **○** | **○** | **○** |
| R | **○** | **○** | **○** | **○** |
| Zoom | **○** | **○** | **○** | **○** |

**Provide thorough responses to the following questions:**

1. In a few sentences, please discuss why you are interested in applying for a student researcher position that involves developing a participatory action research project with the undocumented community?
2. Have you had any prior experience in working with the undocumented community? If yes, provide a brief description detailing this experience.
3. If selected for the position, what specific skills would you like to acquire? What do you plan to contribute?
4. Briefly provide an account of a team-based project you participated in where challenges and/or conflicts emerged. Describe your role in the project and how you navigated these circumstances.
5. As a student, what organizational tools do you use to manage multiple projects and assignments throughout the quarter?

**Resume:** In the email that you send with your application, please attach your resume.

**Thank you for applying for the student researcher position. If we are unable to provide you a position, would you like to be contacted for a future position?**

□ Yes, please contact me as positions become available in the future.

□ No, I will not be available in future quarters.

**If you have any questions, or would like to follow-up on the status of your application,**

**please contact: Isabela Pérez at: isabela.perez@email.ucr.edu**

***THANK YOU***