Summer Institute on Youth Violence Prevention

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SUMMER INSTITUTE ON YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION

A training opportunity for graduate students sponsored by

The Southern California Center of Excellence on Youth Violence Prevention and
The National Consortium on Violence Research (NCOVR)

The Southern California Center of Excellence on Youth Violence Prevention is a project of the Presley Center for Crime and Justice Studies at the University of California, Riverside and is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Center is comprised of a multidisciplinary team of research faculty from southern California universities. The Center’s goals and objectives are designed to have significant impact on youth violence prevention (YVP) through efforts to fill gaps between research and practice. For more information about the center visit www.stopyouthviolence.ucr.edu on the internet.

The National Consortium on Violence Research (NCOVR) is a research and training center specializing in interdisciplinary violence research. NCOVR is funded by the National Science Foundation in cooperation with the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the National Institute of Justice. The Consortium’s mission is to advance basic scientific knowledge about the causes or factors contributing to inter-personal violence, to train the next generation of violence researchers, and to disseminate its research findings to participants, policy-makers, and practitioners. Structured as a multi-disciplinary and multi-institutional Consortium, NCOVR’s members come from disciplinary backgrounds including the social, biological, medical, legal and political sciences and are affiliated with institutions across 23 states and 4 countries. NCOVR is housed at the H. John Heinz III School of Public Policy and Management at Carnegie Mellon University. For more information about NCOVR visit www.ncovr.org on the internet.

ABOUT THE SUMMER INSTITUTE

Goals and Objectives

- to provide training and teaching by professionals with expertise in various areas of YVP that graduate students might not otherwise be exposed to in their own University environments;
- to stimulate discussion and research ideas in the area of YVP; and
- to provide training experience that will be relevant to the graduate students’ future plans for research in the area of YVP.

Program Overview

Summer institute sessions will focus on presentations and discussions on various aspects of YVP. Topics will include epidemiology of youth violence; psychological and biological risk factors; social contextual influences on youth violence, including peers, schools, families, and communities; ethnicity, culture and youth violence; gangs; effective prevention and intervention; and data analysis techniques for prevention science. As part of the application process, students will be asked to write a brief description of their research experience and/or interests in these areas. In addition, participants in the summer institute will be asked to submit a research proposal one month following the end of the institute.
Program Structure

The summer institute will provide students with the opportunity to attend seminars on different topics each morning followed by small group sessions in the afternoon. Afternoon sessions will involve 2-4 students and at least one faculty. These sessions are designed to facilitate application of topics discussed each morning to students' specific research interests. Students will also have time for independent study.

Core Faculty

Consortium members from the Southern California Center of Excellence on Youth Violence Prevention will serve as primary core faculty. They are:

Paul Giboney, M.D., Family Medicine, USC
Sandra Graham, Ph.D., Psychology and Education, UCLA
Nancy Guerra, Ed.D., Psychology, UCR
Cynthia Hudley, Ph.D., Education, USC
Lyndee Knox, Ph.D., Family Medicine, USC
Cheryl L. Maxson, Ph.D., Criminology, Law, and Society, UCI
Andrei Novac, M.D., Psychiatry, UCI
Robert N. Parker, Ph.D., Sociology and Criminology, UCR
Fernando Soriano, Ph.D., Psychology, CSUSM
Kirk R. Williams, Ph.D., Sociology and Criminology, UCR

In addition, selected faculty from the National Consortium on Violence Research will participate. For a complete list of NCOVR consortium members visit www.ncovr.org.

Post Institute Activities

Participants will be required to submit a research proposal related to YVP research following the end of the summer institute. Students will receive written feedback from summer institute faculty members. More detailed instructions will be given during the summer institute.

Eligibility and Selection

Graduate students doing behavioral or social science research from various disciplines are encouraged to apply. Fifteen students will be selected to attend on the basis of academic record, as well as research and professional interests and experience.

Expenses

Summer institute participants will receive a stipend of $1000 for travel and incidental expenses. Institute registration fees, lodging, and some meals will be covered.

Location

The summer institute will be held on the University of California, Irvine. The campus is near beaches, amusement parks, shopping, and a host of other attractions in southern California.
APPLICATION

Applicants will need to submit an application and supporting documents. Supporting documents include a brief essay explaining why you would like to attend the summer institute; a curriculum vitae; and a letter of support from a faculty advisor. Complete information on the application process is provided on the application itself. Applications can be downloaded from our website at www.stopyouthviolence.ucr.edu.

THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS
MARCH 1, 2002

For more information or to have an application mailed to you, please contact:

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