JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Belonging Student Research Assistant

Position Title: Places of Belonging Student Research Assistant
Eligibility: UC Berkeley undergraduate students only
Duration: Fall 2024 and Spring 2025
Expected Hours: 10 hours/week (25% FTE)
Compensation: $26-27/hour
Deadline to Apply: Rolling

The Othering & Belonging Institute is a hub of researchers and community networks who are generating work centered on realizing a world where all people belong. The Places of Belonging works to advance belonging in practice through collaboration with entities and networks across the US. We work closely with partners from multiple sectors and geographies to share learnings, advise on research based practices and to measure for impact.

Principal Duties:
The Places of Belonging Undergraduate Student Researcher will work with the program team to develop and conduct research on topics related to the strategic advancement of belonging. Research responsibilities can include literature review, interviews with practitioners and leaders, the development of a case study uplifting successful strategies of materializing belonging and more. The focus areas of the research will be on structural levers of change for belonging, network building for social change and a case study on materializing belonging. The student researcher will be an active member of the project team, will lightly engage with practitioners and institutional partners, and will be responsible for writing a case study and preparing and presenting research briefs and presentations.

Required Qualifications:
- UC Berkeley undergraduate student
- Experience and/or coursework related applied research (has conducted research, has familiarity with methods and application)
- Good communication and writing skills: demonstrated experience in summarizing complex topics, practices or research, writing for diverse audiences (e.g., academic audiences and practitioners), and delivering presentations
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team: good organizational skills, attention to detail, and proactive communication with team members
- Demonstrated interest in social justice

Desired Qualifications:
- Coursework in systems framing or network modeling
- Completion of advanced writing coursework and or examples of authored case studies
- Experience in writing or creating accessible reports and materials
- Ability to carry out relevant research methodologies such as literature review
Creativity with the desire to develop materials that will help support the expansion of belonging without othering in the world

To Apply:
Send resume, brief letter of interest (no more than one page), and writing sample (no more than 5 pages) to ashgallegos@berkeley.edu with the subject “Belonging Student Researcher”.

We aim to have this position filled as soon as possible. Accepting applications as long as the position is posted on our website.