Looking for Two Student Assistants for Two Research Projects

- Are you looking for a job this summer and fall 2022?
- Are you interested in enhancing your qualitative research skills and potentially working on manuscripts for publication?

Please consider these two job opportunities:

**Research Project 1 Children as Readers and Authors: A Community-Based Culturally Sustaining Literacy Project**

**Project Description**
This pilot project aims to advocate for New Mexican children from Chinese immigrant/heritage families by encouraging the children to read culturally relevant texts, create their personal journals, and tell their stories. To help address anti-Asian racism, the reading and journaling methods will be used as powerful counter-storytelling tools for the children to represent their stories related to their cultural and linguistic assets and express their identities as New Mexicans who are bilingual speakers and cultural experts. This is a community-based qualitative study.

**Minimum Qualifications:**
1) Graduate students in education or related field with interest in literacy and bilingual education at UNM;
2) Ability to complete the human subjects training during the first week of employment;
3) Demonstrated ability to work in a collaborative environment;
4) High interest in working with children, parents, and language teachers
5) Experience collecting qualitative data sources;
6) Have flexible time and schedule for data collection.

**Preferred Qualifications:**
1) Demonstrated ability to speak and write in English and Chinese
2) Experience in educational research related to literacy education and/or bilingual education;
3) Experience in collecting and analyzing qualitative data;
4) Experience working with Asian immigrant children and language teachers.

**Research Activities:**
As a member of the research team, the student assistant will participate in the following activities (7 hours/week; 32 weeks in total):

1) Attend all research meetings
2) Collect and analyze qualitative data
3) Conduct literature reviews
4) Complete other assigned research work
5) Work on publications if interested (optional)

Interested? Please send your CV to Dr. Aijuan Cun (aijuancun@unm.edu) by May 13, 2022.

Research Project 2: Teachers’ Experiences of Supporting Immigrant and Refugee Students and Families during the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Qualitative Research Project

Project Description
Immigrant and refugee students continue to encounter obstacles, but schools and teachers have yet to successfully address these students’ needs. Teachers also needed support to take care of their families and, due to the pandemic, provide virtual assistance to their students. Understanding teachers’ voices may help schools and teacher education preparation programs explore more effective ways to provide educational resources for teachers in their support of immigrant and refugee students. In light of the information discussed above, this pilot research project aims to investigate pre- and in-service teachers’ experiences working with immigrant and refugee students and families during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Minimum Qualifications:
7) Graduate students in education or related field with interest in literacy education at UNM;
8) Ability to complete the human subjects training during the first week of employment;
9) Demonstrated ability to work in a collaborative environment;
10) High interest in working with students and teachers
11) Experience collecting qualitative data;
12) Have flexible time and schedule for data collection.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Experience in educational research related to literacy education and/or bilingual education;
- Experience in collecting and analyzing qualitative interview data;
- Experience working with pre- and in-service teachers.

Research Activities:
As a member of the research team, the student assistant will participate in the following activities (6 hours/week; 30 weeks in total):
5) Attend all research meetings
6) Collect and analyze qualitative data
7) Conduct literature reviews
8) Complete other assigned research work
   *Work on publications if interested (optional)

Interested? Please send your CV to Dr. Aijuancun (aijuancun@unm.edu) by May 13, 2022.