

# UCI School of Social Ecology

## Field Study

### Summer 2023 - School of Social Ecology-Based Placements Catalog

#### Types of Placements Available:

- **Research Assistantships (RA)**
  - Research assistant positions with faculty within the School of Social Ecology\*\*

#### *Helpful Reminders:*

- \*\* Research and Learning Assistants WITHIN the School of Social Ecology, NOT LISTED on this catalog, could be approved as a field study placement as long as you have approval from the faculty in charge to use their lab/class as a field study placement and they agree to take on the role of supervisor
- Research and Learning Assistants OUTSIDE of the School of Social Ecology must be reviewed and approved, through the [Research Assistant Clearance Form](#), by the Field Study Director before they can be submitted as a field placement.
- IMPORTANT: Please carefully read about the unit and enrollment requirements for research/learning assistantship positions [HERE](#) before applying.

If you have any questions, contact us  
at [sefieldstudy@uci.edu](mailto:sefieldstudy@uci.edu)!

<b>OPPORTUNITY:</b> Research Assistant	<b>In-Person/Remote/Hybrid</b>
<b>Placement Name</b>	Remote
Partnering with Prosecutors to Reduce Racial Disproportionalities Project; Local Prosecution Reform Project	<b>Placements available = 2</b>
<b>Supervisor Information</b>	
Name: Jon Gould	
Title: Dean of Social Ecology	
Email Address: jon.gould@uci.edu	
<b>Placement Information</b>	
<p>We have two research projects in which we are studying prosecutor use of discretion. The first project examines how the decisions that prosecutors make impact racial disparities in the criminal justice system, particularly at the charging, plea bargaining, and sentencing stages. The second assesses how progressive prosecutors implement policies aimed at criminal justice reform, including the use of diversion programs and other alternatives to incarceration. A students' primary responsibility on the project would be checking interview transcripts for accuracy and may also include preliminary coding of transcripts as well.</p>	
<b>Requirements (subject to change)</b>	
<p>3.0 GPA  Preference for criminal justice or sociology majors.</p>	
<b>How to Apply</b>	
<p>Email Belen Lowrey-Kinberg (belen.lowreykinberg@uci.edu) with resume and cover letter describing relevant experience and interests.</p>	

<b>OPPORTUNITY:</b> Research Assistant	<b>In-Person/Remote/Hybrid</b>
<b>Placement Name</b>	Remote
Rendon Urban Research Lab	<b>Placements available = 5</b>
<b>Supervisor Information</b>	
Name: Maria Rendon	
Title: Director, Ph.D. Program, Associate Professor Urban Planning & Public Policy	
Email Address: mgrendon@uci.edu	
<b>Placement Information</b>	
<p>This study draws on archival research, oral histories and historical-GIS mapping to examine how immigrant cohorts and neighborhoods shaped the integration and exclusion of this group. It focuses on a case study of a Mexican village (in San Luis Potosi, Mexico) that experienced migration to southern California, specifically the Long Beach area, since the early 1900s. The study follows migratory cohorts of families across generations to understand how the time of arrival, racialization and segregation practices, as well as acculturation, shaped divergent patterns of integration for Mexican Americans. In the summer, students will be reading oral histories and producing "case reports" where they summarize these oral histories following a questionnaire.</p>	
<b>Requirements (subject to change)</b>	
Students interested in urban studies, race/ethnicity, segregation, immigrant integration and the latinx experience are encouraged to apply	
<b>How to Apply</b>	
Email me resume and cover letter explaining their interest in contributing to the project.	

<b>OPPORTUNITY:</b> Research Assistant	<b>In-Person/Remote/Hybrid</b>
<b>Placement Name</b>	Remote
Climate-induced disasters and impacts on farmworkers and undocumented migrant communities	<b>Placements available = 2</b>
<b>Supervisor Information</b>	
Name: Micheal Mendez	
Title: Assistant Professor Urban Planning & Public Policy	
Email Address: mamende6@uci.edu	
<b>Placement Information</b>	
<p>As climate change advances, communities across the United States are adapting to the increased threat of wildfires, heatwaves, drought, and flooding. Such disasters are expected to become more frequent and severe. This research explores why it is crucial to understand how these events amplify existing inequalities, and how to lessen the resulting harms, in particular for the most stigmatized populations, such as undocumented Latino/a and Indigenous migrants.</p>	
<b>Requirements (subject to change)</b>	
Strong passion for this research and strong writing skills.	
<b>How to Apply</b>	
Email with resume and cover letter.	

<b>OPPORTUNITY:</b> Research Assistant	<b>In-Person/Remote/Hybrid</b>
<b>Placement Name</b>	Hybrid
Human Rights and Technology Lab	<b>Placements available = 2</b>
<b>Supervisor Information</b>	
Name: Nicole Iturriaga	
Title: Assistant Professor Department Criminology, Law & Society	
Email Address: n.iturriaga@uci.edu	
<b>Placement Information</b>	
<p>The laboratory will serve undergraduate and graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and faculty who have an interest in the intersection of human rights and technology social science research. The lab's primary functions will be to support new and ongoing research and to build a thriving academic community on campus. This will be accomplished in several ways. First, after being properly trained, undergraduate students will have the opportunity to work as research assistants on projects associated with the lab. Second, the graduate students will workshop their ongoing projects, share updates, get feedback, and, if their projects need additional support, have access to the undergraduate research assistants. Having a tiered effect will ensure that the laboratory remains consistent and productive and will aid in the educational development of all the students involved. Third, due to these opportunities, the lab will help all students develop mentoring relationships with faculty. Fourth, there will be weekly lab meetings to review the progress of the research projects. And finally, the Human Rights and Technology Lab will advance further collaboration and research development by hosting workshops for visiting scholars, both from the UCI community, as well as other universities, with similar research interests.</p>	
<b>Requirements (subject to change)</b>	
Minimum GPA 3.5	
<b>How to Apply</b>	
Email with a resume and cover letter.	

<b>OPPORTUNITY:</b> Research Assistant	<b>In-Person/Remote/Hybrid</b>
<b>Placement Name</b>	Remote or Hybrid
TEAM Lab	<b>Placements available = 2</b>
<b>Supervisor Information</b>	
Name: Stephen Schueller	
Title: Associate Professor, Psychological Science	
Email Address: s.schueller@uci.edu	
<b>Placement Information</b>	
<p>The TEchnology and Mental Health (TEAM) Lab in the Department of Psychological Science at UCI is directed by Dr. Stephen Schueller. The TEAM Lab explores how technology, particularly smartphone apps, can be used in the treatment and management of mental health and can improve the delivery of mental health services. Current projects focus on the development, deployment, and evaluation of mental health technologies including One Mind PsyberGuide (<a href="http://www.onemindpsyberguide.org">www.onemindpsyberguide.org</a>) a non-profit project (funded by One Mind) that aims to help people to use technology to live a mentally healthier life., the Help@Hand Evaluation, an evaluation of a roll-out of digital mental health products in several county mental health services across California, and NIMH-funded projects focused on the evaluation of digital cognitive-behavioral therapy platforms. Our team works collaboratively with community partners including various counties through the California Mental Health Service Authority (CalMHSA), Mental Health America, and the Wellness and Prevention Center.</p>	
<b>Requirements (subject to change)</b>	
<b>How to Apply</b>	
<p>Complete application on the following Google Form:  <a href="https://forms.gle/BWvKa9wBopiETYyd8">https://forms.gle/BWvKa9wBopiETYyd8</a></p>	