Request for Proposals:
Solutions for Inequality- Applied Research

The Center for the Study of Inequality at UCLA (CSI) is now accepting proposals for new or ongoing community-serving projects. We seek partner organizations who would benefit from technical assistance in their research and work. CSI supports research that develops knowledge of socioeconomic inequality trends, with emphasis on the Southern California region. We partner with community-based organizations (CBOs) for this purpose. In the partnership, CSI will place one or more student researchers with the CBO in order to support applied research on inequality. In choosing among research proposals, CSI will prioritize research toward solutions for inequality.

CSI will participate in a year-long partnership. Research partners will work independently or collaboratively with CSI, in either case participating in a formal program that links our students through independent/directed studies (with credit) to the CBO. Our partner organizations will benefit from technical assistance in their research. This assistance will largely come in the form of UCLA students under supervision of professional staff at CSI. Students may participate a maximum of fifteen hours per week in the project, while earning course credit for that work. Students and staff may volunteer their time as part of the project. Students may be assigned for a term or the full year, depending upon the needs of both the partner organization and the students.

For the academic year 2013-14, CSI’s partner organization was Wilmington Improvements Network (W.I.N.). For a final report on the project, visit: [http://issuu.com/csiucla/docs/win_assessment_82014](http://issuu.com/csiucla/docs/win_assessment_82014).

Information Required in Letter of Proposal
1) Name of the organization
2) Location and constituency of the organization
3) Goal(s) of the project
4) Method for approaching the project
5) Proposed timeline/workplan for the project
6) Role of your organization in this project
7) Scope of work for the project - what will the work be, and what are the products you wish to produce in the end?
8) Nature and amount of technical assistance needed - type of work, number of hours expected from CSI students
9) Project assessment - how will you document and assess the strengths and weaknesses of the project? How will the project advance your organization? How will it add valuable experience or skills for the students involved?

Expectations for Our Partners
Organizations that partner with CSI provide us timely feedback and schedule meetings regularly. At completion of the collaboration, they provide CSI with a letter of acknowledgement.

Submit Proposal
Please send all materials for your application in a single email:
Attn: Silvia Jiménez, Assistant Director, UCLA Center for the Study of Inequality
Subject: Project Proposal
inequality@luskin.ucla.edu

Background of the Center for the Study of Inequality
The mission of the Center for the Study of Inequality at UCLA is to generate new information and knowledge about the nature, magnitude and causes of socioeconomic inequality. It is committed to translating academic scholarship into feasible and actionable policies, plans and programs. The Center focuses on these issues and challenges in the Southern California region, and expands its findings through including comparative analysis with other regions. Professor Paul Ong directs the Center.
The Center has three major thematic areas:
1. exploring the growing economic inequality over the last quarter-century;
2. enhancing environmental justice research and teaching; and
3. spotlighting less visible minorities (mainly American Indians and Asian Americans).

For further information about the Center for the Study of Inequality, visit these resources:
http://luskin.ucla.edu/content/center-study-inequality
https://www.facebook.com/UCLACenterfortheStudyofInequality