

UCLA

Undergraduate Education

Academic Advancement Program

RESEARCH ROOKIES PROGRAM





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MPP Candidate

- 1st Gen and DACA student
- MPP candidate at the Luskin School of Public Affairs
 - Environmental, Social and Labor Policy
 - Data Analytics
- BS from UC Riverside
 - Environmental Science and Public Policy
- Then: Non-profit, Government and For-profit (Private)
- Now: Graduate Mentor and Graduate Student Researcher



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- ❑ Designed for sophomores with little or no prior research experience, Research Rookies is an introduction to research basics and the different components of research in the Social Sciences, Humanities, and Arts. The foundational skills developed through this program better prepare students for further research opportunities at UCLA.
- ❑ Students undertake a research project under the guidance of two coordinators and a faculty mentor and are exposed to the graduate school process during the program as well.
- ❑ **Eligibility Criteria:**
 - ❑ AAP Member
 - ❑ In their sophomore year (2nd year at UCLA)
 - ❑ Interested in the arts, humanities, or social sciences
 - ❑ Interested in developing soft skills needed to perform research at UCLA

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 - Cohort recruitment
 - Application and Interview process
- **Winter Quarter:**
 - Enroll in the weekly Research Rookies Program 2-unit honors seminar (Honors Collegium 101A)
 - Attend weekly one-on-one meetings with a Research Rookies Program Coordinator as well as attend cohort meetings
 - Work with graduate mentors to develop research topic and identify relevant faculty mentor
- **Spring Quarter:**
 - Enroll in a 2-unit Student Research Program (SRP 99) Course with Faculty Mentor
 - Submit a poster presentation to the annual UCLA Undergraduate Research Week
 - Ethnography
 - Attend weekly one-on-one meetings with the Research Rookies Program Coordinator and cohort
 - Receive a stipend upon successful completion of the program

RESEARCH ROOKIES TIMELINE

FALL RECRUITMENT - APPLICATION PROCESS

- ❑ **Part I:**
 - ❑ On-line application:
 - ❑ [Apply Here](#)
 - ❑ **Application Deadline:** Monday, October 31st @ Noon [WEEK 6]
- ❑ **Part II:**
 - ❑ Upload PDFs of the application materials
 - Research Interest Statement (500 word count)
 - Personal Statement (500 word count)
 - Electronic Financial Aid Notification (eFAN)
 - Letter of Recommendation- (OPTIONAL)
 - Unofficial Transcript downloaded from myUCLA
- ❑ **Review:**
 - ❑ All applications are reviewed by a program coordinators
 - ❑ Interviews as needed
 - ❑ Students are notified about decision by end of Week 7

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WINTER HNRS-193A AND RR DISCUSSION

Objectives for the discussion:

- ☐ Research Interest
- ☐ Self Ethnography
- ☐ Faculty Mentors
- ☐ Research Question
- ☐ Literature Review
- ☐ Intro to Methods

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SPRING - SRP 99

Objectives for the Class:

- ❑ Methodology
 - ❑ Qualitative and quantitative
- ❑ Measurements
- ❑ Research Proposals
- ❑ Abstracts
- ❑ Journal Clubs - research discussions
- ❑ Public Speaking
- ❑ Guest Speakers
- ❑ Undergraduate Research Week (URW) Presentation

Impostor Syndrome and How It Affects First-Generation Latinx Students at Selective Universities

YADILENA MARTINEZ

Dr. Richard Andalon

Projects from Spring 2020

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Using CalEnviroScreen to Highlight Environmental Racism in LAUSD Schools

Danielle Genette Rawles
UCLA Department of Geography
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**“I Saw My Brother Do It”: Exploring the
Impact of External Influences on Latino Male
Adolescents’ Coping Mechanisms Towards
Stress in the Los Angeles County**

Amy Cabrales



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Exploring the Relationship between Igbo Language Proficiency and Sense of Belonging to Igbo Culture among Igbo People Living in North America and Nigeria

By Chiagoziem Ivy Okonkwo

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Hijab in a Hyper-Sexualized Society:

exploring the link between the
internalized sexualization of women
in the media and the physical
presentation of Muslim women in LA

Ameerah Mulla

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