Call for Proposals for Reproductive Health Mentorships

The Bixby Program in Population and Reproductive Health announces a new Mentorship Initiative to support 3-4 master’s students in developing research skills in the areas of population, reproductive health, and/or family planning. Eligibility for this program is limited to master’s students currently enrolled in any department of UCLA’s School of Public Health.

Requirements:

− Students need to negotiate a 12 or 24-week mentorship program with a faculty member (mentor) who is working on a research activity in the areas of population, reproductive health and/or family planning. Examples include contraceptive services, family planning programs, adolescent pregnancy prevention programs, abortion-related services, sexually transmitted diseases, sexual violence and safe motherhood.

− Student responsibilities may include development of proposals and instruments, literature reviews, institutional review board applications, data cleaning and analysis, and/or preparation of publications or research presentations. Students will be expected to work on research activities for 8-10 hours per week.

− Students are required to meet weekly with their mentors. Mentors may be part-time or full-time faculty from any graduate division at UCLA, but priority will be given to faculty from the School of Public Health.

− Students will be provided a stipend of $1500 for a 12-week mentorship or $3000 for a 24-week mentorship. Mentorship stipends cannot be renewed.

How to apply:

− Interested students should submit a scope of work between the student and faculty member.
  o The scope of work should clearly outline the research activities in which the student will be involved, as well as the expected outcome for each of those activities. The scopes of work should be 1-3 pages in length, 12 point font.
  o The scope of work must be signed by the faculty member and student. It should include the dates of the proposed mentorship period.

− Student should also attach a resume, current GPA, and 1-page letter explaining why this research mentorship would be valuable to him or her.

Applications for the academic year 2004-2005 are due on or before March 1st, 2005 at 4:00 pm. They should be sent in electronic format as e-mail attachments to Rachel Veerman (rveerman@soc.ucla.edu) or hand delivered to CHS 41-257.

Successful candidates will be notified by March 16, 2005. Mentorships can begin anytime after that date. All mentorships need to be completed by December 20, 2005. Students need to be enrolled in the SPH during the time of their mentorships.