Three Anthropology Research Assistant Positions Available

MSU Anthropology Professor is seeking three responsible and organized students interested in gaining hands-on experience doing anthropological research to serve as research assistants on a two-year, National Science Foundation-funded project. The project focuses on public space in contemporary cities and uses the High Line Park in New York City as a case study.

Wage is $12 per hour plus fringe benefits, with a 2.5% increase in hourly wage after 12 months. Students are expected to work 10 hours per week for 40 weeks a year, which will include 15 weeks during fall and spring semesters, and 10 weeks during the summer. Start date is September 1, 2014. The project ends on June 30, 2016. While a commitment for the whole project is not necessary, it is desirable. Students who will graduate before the end of the project are eligible for these positions; remaining in the position after graduation is permissible.

Research Assistant One (September 1, 2014–June 30, 2016)
This position will entail the collection of behavioral observation data in the High Line Park, and the preparation of those data for analysis. The RA will help develop a research instrument and protocol, will collect data on how park users use the High Line, and will participate in cleaning and otherwise preparing data for analysis. Familiarity with qualitative research methods and spreadsheet/database software desirable.

Research Assistant Two (September 1, 2014–June 30, 2016)
This position will entail conducting short interviews with High Line users and preparing the resulting data for analysis. The RA will help develop a research instrument and protocol, conduct interviews, and participate in preparing data for analysis. Familiarity with qualitative research methods and spreadsheet/database software desirable; ability to approach and converse with strangers necessary.

Research Assistant Three (September 1, 2014–December 31, 2015)
This position will entail compiling a history of the High Line park and conducting a media analysis of discussions of the park in magazines, newspapers, and online sources. The RA will use a variety of secondary sources to put together an annotated timeline of the High Line’s history. She or he will also compile and categorize articles on the High Line from a selection of media sources on a regular (i.e. near daily).

RAs will be supervised by and will work closely with the project Primary Investigator (Dr. Julian Brash), and will have the opportunity to be involved in a cutting-edge research project and to gain experience and skills in qualitative data collection and analysis. RAs will also have the opportunity to develop independent research papers/presentations using the data they are gathering/analyzing. All RAs will be required to undergo an online training course on the protection of human research participants, in accordance with...
the requirements of Montclair State University’s Institutional Review Board (http://www.montclair.edu/provost/institutional-review-board/trainings-certificates/).

To apply for a Research Assistant Position, please email the following materials to julian.brash@montclair.edu by August 1, 2014.

- A brief letter indicating which position you are interested in and explaining your interest and qualifications for the position. In this letter please indicate if you have any experience using the Twitter Application Programming Interface.
- An up-to-date resume/CV
- Contact information for two references, at least one of which should be academic.