



Call for Paid Student Researchers/Community Organizers/Storytellers

Announcement Date: 8/25/2020

APA-NM has received an APA Chapter Presidents' Council Grant for a special project, "Stories of Resilience: How New Mexican Communities Are Facing COVID-19." This special project is a collaboration between the APA New Mexico Chapter, the New Mexico Resiliency Alliance (NMRA), and faculty at the University of New Mexico (UNM) to collect stories from individuals around the State of New Mexico (and in underrepresented communities) on how they are staying resilient in the face of the unprecedented challenges posed by COVID-19. The aim of the project is to collect written and multimedia accounts and compile these stories into a printed and digital booklet, storymap, presentations, and other online content that can be shared widely with planners and policy makers. In telling stories about resiliency and struggles against adversity, planners and communities can 'humanize' quantitative data and produce compelling support for strengthening and addressing the short and longer-term impacts of COVID-19 and other catastrophic events.

We are recruiting 3 to 4 students (undergraduate and graduate) to participate in this community-based planning project focused on *collecting stories of resilience* during the Coronavirus pandemic. Students will design the research program, conduct background research, collect and compile stories from stakeholders, develop final deliverables, and present findings with the help of APA-NM Board members. This is part of a larger effort to look at the effects of COVID-19 on communities around New Mexico and uncover ways to support each other moving forward.

We are looking for students who are interested in resiliency, storytelling, community engagement, community-based research, and public health/wellness. Students must have strong research and writing skills, and public speaking experience; as well, students should have the skills to contribute to the project in at least one of the following areas: interviews and surveys, GIS, Esri Storymaps, and report layout and graphic design (e.g., a solid knowledge of Adobe Suite, in particular, Illustrator and InDesign).

Each student will be paid a \$2,500 stipend and will have a shared travel and research budget to use as they wish (\$1,000). We anticipate this project to take approximately 6-months, beginning in September 2020, and wrapping up in February or March of next year. This opportunity is being offered in conjunction with APA-NM's professional development efforts, with assistance and support from the New Mexico Resiliency Alliance.

If interested, please submit a resume and cover letter (1-page only, including your interests and skills, see paragraph above) to joni m palmer, PhD [palmerjonim@unm.edu] and the APA-NM Professional Development Officer [pdo@apa-nm.org] by **Friday, September 11, 2020 at 5:00pm**.

Thank you for your interest!

Best,

APA-NM Chapter Board