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Dear Community Partner,

Thank you for agreeing to collaborate with a UCLA undergraduate for the Helen S. and Alexander W. Astin Civic Engagement Scholars Program. Named in honor of UCLA emeriti faculty, this program celebrates the work of students who are committed to civic engagement. This research scholarship program is administered by the UCLA Center for Community Learning, with funding from the UCLA Foundation.

Astin Civic Engagement Scholars are UCLA juniors and seniors who intern with an off-campus community partner for up to three academic quarters (spring & fall 2014, and winter 2015), working on a research project that they have developed with you. The project should focus on the academic discipline of civic engagement, while providing a benefit to the community and/or addressing a social justice issue. Astin Scholars chosen to continue their work through their senior year will work closely with a UCLA faculty mentor, receive academic credit for four quarters, and are awarded a scholarship of up to \$7,000.

Community Partner Guidelines

Community partners for the Astin Civic Engagement Scholars Program are expected to:

- Offer meaningful, i.e. challenging, college-level work;
- Schedule an initial orientation/training for the intern;
- Provide weekly supervision; and
- Attend a culminating event for the Astin Scholars Program at UCLA in May 2015 (date TBD).

UCLA students who apply to the Astin Scholars Program are required to obtain a letter of support from their community partner as part of their application. Please submit the letter electronically to dbarrera@college.ucla.edu and include the following information:

- How long you have known the student and in what context;
- Confirmation that you have discussed the proposed project with the student; and
- A description of how the project will benefit your organization.

NOTE: applications are not complete and will not be considered unless the letter of support is received by February 14, 2014.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 310.825.7867 or at dbarrera@college.ucla.edu.

Sincerely,

Dr. Douglas Barrera
Assistant Director
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