SALVATORI COMMUNITY SCHOLAR

The Joint Educational Project (JEP) is a service-learning program housed in the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences. JEP was established in 1972 to link traditional classroom-based learning with educational experiences in the community surrounding USC’s main campus. The program seeks to foster the intellectual, social and ethical development of USC students while providing much needed services for community organizations. The Salvatori Community Scholars program is intended to provide support to advanced graduate students who are doing community-based research whose experiences with community-based organizations can lead to new opportunities for service-learning students at USC.

The 2008 Salvatori Community Scholar(s) will work with JEP’s Director of Research and Academic Affairs, USC faculty, and one or more community organizations to develop service-learning projects for undergraduate USC students. Projects are to be jointly determined by the needs of the community, the academic goals of the service-learning course, and the abilities and interests of the Scholar, and might include participatory action research or direct service activities. All projects must involve undergraduate students in work that builds their knowledge and skills while supporting the Scholar in a community-centered project. Ideally, the service-learning project will closely correspond to the scholarly activities of the Salvatori Community Scholar.

The position requires:

- Experience with community-centered projects
- Strong qualitative and/or quantitative research skills
- An ability to manage diverse tasks and responsibilities
- Strong communication and collaboration skills
- An understanding of service-learning pedagogy and practice
- Attendance at pre-semester training/retreat and periodic meetings, schedule TBA

Job responsibilities include:

- Taking a cooperative leadership role in the implementation of the service-learning project
- Providing supervision and support to the undergraduate service-learning students
- Developing and grading weekly reflective essays submitted by the service-learning students
- Acting as liaison between the community, USC faculty and JEP staff
- Assisting in the recruitment and training of USC service-learning students and other volunteers
- Assisting in the evaluation of USC service-learning students and other volunteers

Remuneration consists of either 2 units of tuition per semester or an equivalent stipend. The position requires approximately 20 hours per week, most of which can be devoted to the Scholar’s research activities.

Please call Susan Harris (213-740-1830) for more information about the position.

Applications are available at the JEP House (801 W. 34th Street) or online at www.usc.edu/jep. The deadline for submission is MAY 19, 2008.
Name: ___________________________________________________

Permanent Address: _______________________________________

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Local Address (if different from above): ____________________________

___________________________________________________________________

Telephone: __________________  email: ________________________

Emergency contact: 
(name, relationship and telephone number)

Student I.D. Number: ______________________________

Major field of study and expected terminal degree: _____________________

Year in graduate school: _____  Semester/year you expect to graduate: _____

Research interests, experience and/or areas of specialization: _____________

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Teaching assistantship(s):  Yes   No
Classes, dates, institution(s) and professor(s) (if USC)

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Have you been a Teaching Assistant for a course that worked with JEP?  Yes  No

Research assistantship(s):  Yes   No
Type of research, dates, institution(s) and professor(s) (if USC)

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Sources of funding for the upcoming academic year: ___________________
What are your plans for employment after graduation? _______________________

References (please include at least one USC professor or staff member):

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Please include the following with your application:

1. A brief statement (5 pages max) that includes the following:
   - Your perspectives on combining community activism and scholarly research
   - A description of your past or current work in community settings as a volunteer, researcher or teacher
   - A description of your proposed activities as a Salvatori Community Scholar (Please note that these may evolve over time and do not need to be described in detail here. The goal here is to generally describe what you would like to get out of the program and what you have to contribute.)

2. A copy of your resume or C.V., including a description of your educational and work history

3. A copy of your dissertation or thesis research abstract or a brief (1 page max) summary of your research activities

4. A letter of recommendation from someone familiar with your abilities and experience.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE MONDAY, MAY 19, 2008.
For more information, please call Susan Harris at 213-740-1830.

Please drop off application at the JEP House or mail to:
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