



Future Leaders of America

**Internship Available - Research Ambassador
State of BIPOC Youth
Participatory Action Research**

Ventura County| Santa Barbara County| San Luis Obispo County| Monterey County

Vision

FLA envisions a world where every youth, regardless of where they come from, is empowered to take responsibility for their own destiny by becoming leaders in their own lives, their families, and their community.

Mission

Future Leaders utilizes the FLA Way to provide a comprehensive youth empowerment program in our public schools and in the community year-round.

FLA Way

In service to the community, Future Leaders of America provides leadership training, educational experiences, and promotes the personal development of youth and families to foster greater awareness and participation in responsible leadership in a global and democratic society.

Project Overview

The State of BIPOC Youth Survey is a collaborative project between The Center for Publicly Engaged Scholarship at UCSB and Future Leaders of America (FLA) with the guidance of Dr. Victor Rios, Associate Dean of Social Sciences & Professor of Sociology. The project will consist of a survey and focus groups documenting assets and needs among high school-age youth of color in Santa Barbara County, Ventura, Monterey, and San Luis Obispo Counties. Findings from the study will emphasize racial equity by focusing on health and wellbeing, education and achievement, Spanish-speaking communities, Indigenous youth, system-impacted youth, Black students' experiences, and school and community safety. By sharing their thoughts, experiences, and concerns via the survey, BIPOC youth can enact change through research, data dissemination, policy change, and advocacy.

Research Ambassador Role

Ambassadors will be a point of contact for their region. They will establish a connection between FLA and the general public to ensure youth in the community can participate in the survey. Our team of ambassadors will target selected counties and collect a diverse and representative sample of survey takers. The ambassadors will recruit survey takers by sharing the survey website and QR code at events, giving classroom presentations, and using other creative methods. Survey takers will self-administer the survey.

Key Responsibilities and Requirements:

- In-person and virtual survey collection via sharing the survey website and QR code
- Support youth with self-administering of the survey
- Gather information on local and county-wide events to promote the survey collection
- Collect information on potential program partners

- Track the number of events attended where survey participants were recruited (i.e., classroom presentations, tabling at events, canvassing, virtual meetings, social media posts, creating survey collection events, etc.)
- Attend weekly check-ins
- Uphold FLA's mission and values as FLA ambassador for their county.

Preferred Skills and Expectations

- Willingness to improve their interpersonal skills to connect with diverse community groups.
- Interest in empowering community members and youth through engagement.
- Interest in social justice and social equity.
- Strong communication skills, including written, over the phone, and in person.
- Strong work ethic, punctuality, and integrity.
- Bilingual Spanish and other languages are a plus.
- Strong time management skills.
- Must be able to use Google applications (e.i. Google Docs., Google Sheets).
- Must be able to use a personal computer and access the internet.
- Must be able to use the video conference app Zoom.

Program Learning Objectives

- A sense of self-actualization as knowledge producers
- An understanding of community participatory action research
- An understanding of qualitative and quantitative data
- An understanding of respondent-driven sampling
- Support finding pragmatic solutions that come from the community.

Other Details:

- **Stipend:** \$500
- **Contract period:** April 29, 2024 - June 14, 2024
- **Application due:** April 19th, 2024
- **Internship Interviews:** April 22 - 26, 2024
- **Must be available for training:** week of April 29, 2024

How to apply:

To apply, please scan our QR code on our flyer or click on this [link](#) and submit your application no later than **April 19, 2024**

Questions:

If you have any questions, please contact Metzli Reyes via email at metzli@futureleadersnow.org or call (805) 642-6208 ext. 1012.