

Call for Research Project on Afghan refugees and immigrants in the DMV

Project Description:

While many refugees are highly educated and often hold medical, engineering degrees, and doctorates, many times they find themselves unable to use these skills and credentials when they arrive in the U.S. Specifically, we are looking to research a growing population in the United States – Afghans.

A research team comprised of Sociology and SIS professors and students are looking to research the processes in which Afghan refugees are able to use and apply their knowledge, skills, and experience in a work environment when they arrive in the U.S. This research will be impactful in that we will engage with a growing immigrant population to understand how they can achieve prosperity and the so-called 'American dream.'

Students involved will help secure funding, receive IRB training, conduct interviews, and assist with data coding, analysis, and write-up. Students of Afghan, South Asian, and Middle Eastern origin/descent are highly encouraged to inquire. Dari and Pashto skills would be highly valued but not required. Having taken a social sciences methods course is preferred but not required.

Interested students (upper-level undergraduate or graduate) should apply with a cover letter, C.V. and list of two references attesting to the ability of the candidates to conduct research and work independently as well on a team with tight deadlines. Candidates should email Daniel Jenks at dj9316a@student.american.edu with the subject title of the research project.

Deadline: Asap.