

2007-2008 MELLON FOUNDATION FUNDED RESEARCH CIRCLES

2007-2008 FACULTY GRANT RESEARCH RECIPIENT

The Center for Undergraduate Research (CUR): What makes your research project unique in comparison to other work in your field?

Dr. Amy Bellone Hite (Dr. Hite): We are designing a study that will use innovative sampling and interviewing techniques.

CUR: What is the contribution of your project to your field?

Dr. Hite: This will be the first study of post Katrina labor market dynamics that addresses the increased participation of Hispanic workers in New Orleans' work force.

CUR: After your project is complete, what will be your next research endeavor?

Dr. Hite: It is a fairly extensive project, so I don't know quite yet. I should be working on this for the next year to year and a half.

CUR: What made you choose your student research assistant?

Dr. Hite: Her Spanish speaking ability, excellence in her performance in my 1010 course, faculty recommendations, and her social research skills. But, I wouldn't have known about many of these skills had she not come up to me after class to ask if I knew of any opportunities.

CUR: What are the strengths of your student research assistant?

Dr. Hite: Reliability, strong critical thinking skills, flexibility.

CUR: What are the qualities you look for in a student research assistant?

Dr. Hite: Reliability, ability to work independently, and an attitude towards research as an exciting endeavor.

CUR: Why should Xavier undergraduates become assistants to faculty on research projects such as this?

Dr. Hite: They get not only the specific skills from the project, but a chance for professional development and a chance to experience academic collegiality.



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