Title of Practicum: Educational Partnerships and Student Advocacy (EPSA) Assessment Practicum

Practicum Description Summary
This practicum student will work with the EPSA’s Parent & Family Programs area within the Division of Student Affairs to conduct research on the needs of first generation students and families attending IUPUI. The student will be asked to help conduct surveys and/or focus groups as well as to analyze the data collected. The goal of this project will be to provide more effective resources, programs, and support for this population at IUPUI. The student will also have the opportunity to actively engage in other functional areas in the office which include First Year Programs, Student Advocate services, and Off Campus Student Services.

Sponsoring Office
Office of Educational Partnerships and Student Advocacy (EPSA), IUPUI

Department/Office web site address:
http://studentaffairs.iupui.edu/parents-families/index.shtml
http://studentaffairs.iupui.edu/involved/first-year-programs/index.shtml
http://studentaffairs.iupui.edu/campus-living/off-campus-services/index.shtml

If multiple students can be selected for this position, please indicate the number of practicum students the site is willing to host:
Spring 2014 Number available: 1

Please identify any requirements outside the 8 hours per week of the practicum experience the student would be expected to complete:
We do not see any requirements for this project outside of the 8 hours per week

Learning outcomes associated with the practicum experience in your office:
- Student will be able to conduct or facilitate an assessment method (survey/ focus group)
- Student will be able to analyze data collected in order to draw conclusions and make recommendations based on this data
- Student will be better able to communicate the needs of first generation families at IUPUI

Provide a brief summary of the activities, duties, responsibilities and/or special projects associated with this position:
- Recruitment of participants and facilitation of focus groups with first generation students
- Analyzing collected data to draw conclusions on the needs of this population
- Beginning conversations about next steps in serving our first generation families through resources and programs- both in web materials and other support methods
- In addition, working with the other staff members in EPSA in the areas of First Year Programs, Parent & Family Programs, Student Advocacy, and Off Campus Student Services on various projects

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