The Community Scholars Program is a joint program of the UCLA Dept. of Urban Planning, the UCLA Labor Center and the Institute for Research on Labor & Employment that annually provides an opportunity for advocates, community developers and organizers to work on a unique applied research project that furthers the goals of progressive community development in Los Angeles. Every year, Community Scholars work with 2nd year graduate students to address an important policy challenge and formulate a response that furthers a social justice agenda.

The Project. The 2018 Community Scholars research project will take place just as local jurisdictions are implementing the many housing-related bills passed in the recent legislative session. The package was a tremendous victory...but as always, the devil is in the details. Compromises were made and implementation may not result in policy furthers the production and preservation of affordable housing. This is where the Community Scholars will make a difference.

The 2018 Scholars will take this new legislation and hold it up to the light, analyzing content and potential impact. What helps communities? What might not work out so well? The Scholars will produce various scenarios to see what needs to be done next. Additionally, a campaign to allow rent control in our cities is starting. The Scholars will include this in their analysis of what can be done, what can’t be done, and what we do about it.

The client for this year’s project is the Community Development Project of Public Counsel, the largest pro bono legal firm in the country. The Public Counsel lawyers will use this research to inform their legal strategies regarding the production and preservation of affordable housing in this region.

If you are interested in this project, apply...today.

Program Information

- The Community Scholars Program is free to participants.
- Community Scholars receive free access to UCLA resources, including certain courses, library privileges as well as access to urban planning faculty.
- Community Scholars receive formal recognition for advanced research work in the UCLA Urban Planning Program.
- Past Community Scholars projects can be seen here: http://stage.publicaffairs.ucla.edu/content/past-community-scholars-projects.

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APPLICATION FORM
2018 UCLA COMMUNITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Please complete the attached form and email it to Jan Breidenbach, jbreidenbach@apt-la.net, along with a short letter of support from your organization (if applicable) by November 30, 2017.

Please feel free to contact Jan at jbreidenbach@apt-la.net or 323-662-7512 with any questions.

1. Please type or print, and add additional pages as needed:

   Applicant name: ____________________________________________________________

   Applicant address: __________________________________________________________

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   Phone: ___________________________ Email: __________________________________________

2. Organizational Affiliation (if applicable)

   Organization Name: ____________________________________________________________

   Organization Phone: ____________________________________________________________

   Your position in the Organization (staff, member or volunteer): __________________________

   Describe the organization where you work or volunteer, what it does, what you do (attach another sheet if necessary). Add a short letter of support from your organization if applicable.

3. Statement of Interest:

   We want the Community Scholars to be relevant and useful for all. Please tell us about yourself and what interests you about this project – what you would like to get out of it (attach another sheet if necessary).

The 2018 Community Scholars project will be led by Jan Breidenbach, a longtime housing advocate, along with housing & homelessness leaders and organizers. You can learn more about the Community Development Project of Public Counsel at www.publiccounsel.org