EUReCA! Student Assistant for the CU Denver Open Educational Resources (OER) Community of Practice

*This job was listed in Handshake, Job #6832067, but it recently expired. If anyone is interested in the job, please contact Dr. Ronica Rooks (ronica.rooks@ucdenver.edu) directly.

Employer/Dept: University of Colorado Denver/Health and Behavioral Sciences

Supervisor: Dr. Ronica Rooks

Job Title: EURēCA! Student Assistant for the CU Denver Open Educational Resources (OER) Community of Practice

Job Location/Address: CU Denver/ Flexible with some remote and some in-person

Purpose:
The Eureca student will be a research assistant for the new CU Denver Open Educational Resources (OER) Community of Practice for faculty, with the goal of working on a scholarship of teaching and learning article addressing the development and faculty learning about OER and open pedagogy in the Community of Practice.

Position Description:
Background: Ronica Rooks (CLAS) and Rachel Stott (Auraria Library) will lead a CU Denver Open Educational Resources (OER) Community of Practice during the 2022-2023 academic year with funding and support from the Colorado Department of Higher Education (CDHE), Associate Vice Chancellor for Digital Strategy and Learning, and the Auraria Library. This opportunity is open to all course faculty at CU Denver. The Community of Practice is offered to those who are new to OER, including those who are looking to adopt or possibly adapt OER in their course. We plan to have guest speakers, share ideas, and practice searching and using OER databases and websites. It will meet monthly for an hour to an hour and a half from October to December 2022 and February to April 2023. Session Topics:

- The benefits of OER in the classroom.
- Identifying places to incorporate OER into your course.
- Finding and evaluating OER.
- Open pedagogy and OER.
- Creative Commons licenses, the 5Rs, and adapting/remixing OER.
- Scaling up and sustaining OER practices. Expected Duties:
- Learn about the stages of the Colorado Multiple institutional Review Board (COMIRB) process and ethical standards for conducting research via Collaborative

Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) training. Complete CITI training to assist with developing an application for protocol review, data collection, and data analyses.
- Write and submit a COMIRB application.
- Use multidisciplinary databases to research the topics of the scholarship of teaching and learning, communities of practice or learning communities, open pedagogy, open educational resources, faculty and adoption, adaption or remixing, or creation, faculty assessment, student learning outcomes, student assessment, satisfaction or perceptions. You will gather these articles using EndNote Web, while documenting your searches and key words used.
- Document the CU Denver Community of Practice' development and faculty learning (including positive, negative, and neutral or indifferent aspects).
- Develop qualitative interviewing skills, using thematic analysis, and quantitative analyses, using and analyzing surveys, for data collection from faculty participants in the CU Denver Community of Practice.
- Represent a student voice, giving input and feedback to faculty in the CU Denver Community of Practice.
- Work on writing a scholarship of teaching and learning article based on our CU Denver Community of Practice experiences.

Skills and Knowledge Gained:
Specific skills and knowledge students will gain:

- Database searches
- Qualitative interviewing and analyses
- Quantitative survey collection and analyses
- Scholarly writing for a journal publication

Minimum Qualifications:
Research assistant should have:

- A strong work ethic
- Organizational skills
- Written and oral communication skills
- Experience conducting literature searches
- Person should be comfortable presenting information during meetings

Preferred Qualifications:

- Completion of Research Methods course
- Experience conducting professional interviews

Position Commitment:
10-15 hrs/week, weekdays and/or weekends

Length of Employment:

This position is available for Fall 2022 and Spring 2023, employment may continue at Dr. Rooks' discretion. Please reach out to ronica.rooks@ucdenver.edu with any questions. If both mentor and mentee agree, students can apply to continue with EURēCA! for a second year.

Application Requirements:

- Resume
- Cover-letter
- Transcript
- Proof of work-study award if applicable or letter communicating current work-study step (e.g. current FAFSA submitted, communicating with the Financial Aid office etc. Learn more about work-study here. (Links to an external site.))

All applicants must have a completed 2022/2023 FAFSA. While work-study is not required to apply, it is highly encouraged. Per EUReCA - in submitting your application to EUReCA you need to attach a screenshot of current work-study status and/or award.