THE MEXICAN MIGRATION FIELD RESEARCH PROGRAM 2018-2019

What will you get out of this program?
The MMFRP is a unique opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students who want an in-depth, hands-on research practicum focused on international migration. Students involved in MMFRP consistently report that their participation in this program is life-changing, as they talk to migrants on the ground and gain an understanding of the migration experience that could never have been obtained in a typical classroom environment.

This year, the Detention/Deportation Track will interview deportees in Baja California and their families in the U.S., examining how U.S. detention and deportation affects migrant families. The Education Track will interview students in schools to understand how migration influences pathways to adulthood.

All students also gain:
- Course credit for community-based field research experience in Baja California, Mexico and San Diego County
- Experience working with a multidisciplinary research team from the U.S. and Mexico
- Preparation for graduate school and for careers in health, NGOs, government, law and medicine

Required coursework includes:
- Fall – Sociology 133: Immigration in Comparative Perspective (4 units)
- Winter – Sociology/Urban Studies and Planning 188: MMFRP Practicum (8 units)
- Spring – Sociology 109M: Research Reporting (4 units)

The fall course provides background on immigration. As preparation, we also highly recommend a course in social science research methods in either fall 2018 or prior to participating. The winter course entails on-the-ground fieldwork in Tijuana, focused on migration. Finally, the spring course trains students to analyze the data they have gathered and prepare reports or publications.

To apply, please fill out this google form (including a CV and 250-word personal statement) no later than September 1, 2018. Students will be notified of their acceptance by September 27, 2018. For additional information, please email mfloca@ucsd.edu