

Fiat Lux + Library:

A First-Generation Workshop Series

SCIL Works 2019

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Overview

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University of California Merced

- Newest UC (2005)
- HSI (2010)
- R2 (2016)
- 2018/2019
 - 7,881 undergrads / 663 grad students
 - 51.4% female / 47.7% male
 - 73.2% first-generation
 - 54.7% Hispanic / Latinx
 - 20% Asian / Pacific Islander

Fiat Lux Scholars Program

- First-gen living learning community
- Student success focus
 - “structured system of resources & intrusive advising”
- Workshops
 - Frosh required to attend 3
 - Soph required to attend 2

Background

- Several conversations with Fiat Lux coordinator
 - First-gen / Latinx commonalities
- Meeting with student staff members in Sept
 - Brainstormed topics
- Scheduled workshops for Oct / Nov (weeks 8-12) in student housing

Fall 2018 Workshops

- Why the Library?
- What is a Scholarly Article?
- How Do I Use Databases...?
- What is a Research Question?

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Results

Rewards

- Library workshops added as approved academic resource workshops
- Positive student feedback

Challenges

- Content
- Time frame
- Advertising
- Technology

Future

- Develop staff workshop about first-gen & library anxiety
- Conduct focus groups with Scholars & student staff
- Hold workshops during weeks 4-8
- Advertise earlier
- Reconfigure lessons for no / low tech in student housing
- Continue to use Fiat Lux exit slips

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