



# 2019 ECMC Foundation Fellow Postsecondary CTE Research Bridging the Gaps in Postsecondary Career and Technical Education Research

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**Bio.** Sabrina A. Miller is a third-year doctoral student in the Higher Education and Organizational Change division, in the Graduate School of Education and Information Studies, at the University of California, Los Angeles. Before earning her Master’s degree from the same program, Sabrina graduated from Southern Oregon University with a B.A. in Communication Studies. She currently works as a College Academic Mentor, supporting and mentoring first and second year undergraduate students, in the College of Letters & Sciences at UCLA. Sabrina also serves on the First-Generation Graduate Student Council at UCLA, where she works to promote community and institutionalized support for first generation graduate students. For almost ten years, Sabrina has served students through her work in college access programs, such as TRiO and GEAR UP. She has presented at multiple local and state level college access conferences and events using her own personal and professional experiences to advocate and shed light on the disparities in the college going process for underrepresented students. Additionally, Sabrina served as an AmeriCorps State and National Member, where she designed and implemented college and career opportunities for underrepresented middle and high school students.

**Project.** This study explores the role of a rural community-based workforce partnership and education program, for underrepresented high school students, in influencing students’ pursuit of postsecondary career and technical education. Through analysis of in-depth interviews and observations, this project will examine how program participation influences college choice knowledge, as well as self-efficacy, and in turn the pursuit of postsecondary career and technical education.



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## The Program

Fellows will be part of a community that participates in two national research training institutes, research methods webinars, works with CTE research mentors, and conducts postsecondary CTE research.

Applications for the 2020 Postsecondary CTE Research Fellows will be available July 1st, 2019 and due December 1st, 2019.

<http://go.ncsu.edu/ctefellows>

“We have designed this CTE Fellows program to provide scholars with the unique opportunity to be part of a community and a formal curriculum to develop their research skills while working toward improving the field of CTE.”

— James Bartlett II, Ph.D.

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