Summer Institute on Approaches to Participatory Action Research
July 12–16, 2021

Join us for this intensive virtual summer institute held through the University of Wisconsin–Madison

This week long workshop is designed for a wide-range of participants – academics, graduate students, student services professionals, K–12 teachers, and members of community–based organizations – Learn to integrate PAR approaches into your work. This series includes readings, short–lectures, videos, and discussions.

Participants will gain a strong foundation of PAR approaches, learn how to design their own PAR studies, and/or incorporate PAR in their already established work. Participants will also spend time on developing proposals for their own work, including grant proposals to obtain external funding. This Summer Institute includes three follow–up mentoring sessions with instructors.
Where, when, and tuition costs?

- The University of Wisconsin–Madison’s Center for Research on College–Workforce Transitions (CCWT) is hosting this institute; all 2021 institute activities will be held VIRTUALLY.
- July 12–16, 2021 from 12:00–4:00pm CT
- Three 2-hour mentoring follow-up sessions will be scheduled at a later date.
- Tuition is $1200; scholarships are available, see below for details.

What will the institute cover?

- The history and genealogy of PAR along with seminal pieces and empirical examples.
- Methodological discussions on how to incorporate PAR.
- Ethical and practical considerations when building meaningful community partnerships.
- Step-by-step guidance on designing PAR research studies, disseminating PAR findings, and developing action plans for change.
- Workshop time to create proposals for PAR projects, and individual feedback on these proposals.
- Discussions and examples to learn how to obtain external grant funding for PAR projects.
- Opportunities to discuss and advance research ideas and develop partnerships with a network of PAR scholars.

Who is leading the institute?

Dr. Bailey B. Smolarek
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Dr. Matthew Wolfgram
Assistant Director of the Center for Research on College–Workforce Transitions.

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How do I apply to the institute?

To apply, please send the following information in a single word document to bsmolarek@wisc.edu:

- Name and Contact Information.
- Primary Organization and Appointment Title.
- 300–400 word essay describing your relevant background and goals for this institute.
- [Optional] 150–word essay describing your need for partial or full scholarship funding for this institute.

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