

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
FOR SPRING 2009 SENIOR SEMINAR CLASS PROJECTS**

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Senior Seminar is the culminating experience course in urban planning and policy at SFSU's Department of Urban Studies and Planning. It is a required course taken during the last semester by about 15-20 Urban Studies majors. It is offered in two separate sections. Students learn to combine theory, substantive knowledge and skills in the context of a client-serving project, practice working in a consulting team, prepare a written report and present their findings to a professional jury including the clients and BSS College faculty using Power Point slides.

Each year the course instructors select projects among those proposed by clients outside the University. In previous years, students carried out projects identified by clients including: 1) Bay Area LISC; 2) Asian Inc.; 3) San Francisco Planning Department; 4) San Francisco Department of Human Services; and; 5) Asian Neighborhood Design. Power Point slides completed by student teams for clients (2001-2008) can be viewed at the following address:

<http://bss.sfsu.edu/pamuk/SFSUseniorseminar.htm>

With this RFP we invite you to develop a proposal for a suitable project to be carried out by a team of 3-4 students in 10 weeks during the Spring 2009 semester starting in late January. Project scope of work should be based on time estimate of about 240 hours of work (3 students, 8 hrs/wk, 10 weeks)

Students in consultation w/ the course instructors select proposals based on the following criteria:

1. feasibility of the successful completion of the proposed project by a consulting team of 3-4 students in 10 weeks;
2. the potential of the project in allowing students to apply their academic training to solve real-world urban planning and policy problems in an organizational setting;
3. clarity of the problem definition;
4. the willingness of the community client to give timely feedback to students (or designated student team leader) on their progress during the duration of the project;
5. the willingness of the community client to commit about an hour per week for meeting(s) with the student team;

Please send one-page description of the project/problem that you would like us to consider to either Professor Ayse Pamuk or Professor Jasper Rubin at the above address as soon as possible, but no later than January 7, 2009. Please feel free to email us at pamuk@sfsu.edu or mjrubin@sfsu.edu. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.