Be part of an exciting research opportunity with faculty in the International Studies and Computer Science Departments!

**A Data Analysis of US-Mexico International Migration**

**Spring Semester, 2020**

Dr. Julia Morris and Dr. Sudip Mittal are looking for **4 paid/DIS undergraduate student research assistants** to be a part of their **ETEAL funded applied learning research project**. The **9-week project** focuses on the information vacuum that new migrants experience upon arrival in the US amid a fast-changing policy environment. This culture of disorientation hampers the ability of local governments to address the integration needs of newcomers in ways that favor economic growth and successful social outcomes for the societies at large.

Students will help extract and analyze data from social media fora and Department of Homeland Security entry forms around migrants’ information needs, contributing original research on an issue at the center of US political debates. This research will help build a social media framework that can be easily adapted by NGO service providers. Opportunities will also exist for co-authoring a journal publication and co-presenting the research at a national conference.

The research opportunity is offered as a **combined 1-credit DIS and paid placement ($875 total)**. Students will be required to commit to 10 hours a week on campus for 9 weeks.

To register your interest, please email your GPA including your transcript and indication of courses taken by **November 24, 2019** to **morrisjc@uncw.edu** and **mittals@uncw.edu**. Interviews will be held shortly thereafter.