Fiat Lux + Library:
A First-Generation Workshop Series

SCIL Works 2019

Lindsay Davis
Instruction & Outreach Librarian
University of California Merced
Overview

- UC Merced
- Fiat Lux Scholars Program
- Background
- Fall 2018 Workshops
- Results
- Future
- References
- Thanks
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?

Visit libguides.ucmerced.edu/fiatlux
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


Thanks!

- Email: ldavis23@ucmerced.edu
- Tweet: @lindsaylib
- Web: lindsayanndavis.com
- Slides: bit.ly/fiatluxlib