



## Community Researcher Job Description – Four Contract Positions Open

Leah Zallman Center for Immigrant Health Research

March 2025 – October 2026

The Leah Zallman Center for Immigrant Health Research (LZC) and Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy (MIRA) Coalition seek four community researchers to join a team studying narrative change for immigrant well-being in Massachusetts. With funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the research team will carry out a mixed-methods study, “Policy on the Frontlines: Narrative Change for Immigrant Well-being.” The project will result in narrative change tools to drive immigrant-focused policy reform and work to shift how people think about immigrant well-being.

**About the position:** This is a paid, hybrid contractor position (\$100/hour), with approximately 60 hours of work between March – October 2025 and 25 hours of work between November 2025 – October 2026. LZC will provide training on qualitative research and analysis methods. We are looking for applicants with lived experience in and strong connections to immigrant communities in Massachusetts and interest in advancing immigrant rights and well-being through action research. Each community researcher will participate in the study as a fully qualified co-researcher, conducting outreach, co-facilitating focus groups, analyzing the data, and participating in the dissemination process.

### **Responsibilities:**

- Attend research team meetings and learning activities
- Participate in LZC-led qualitative research training and complete relevant CITI trainings
- Conduct outreach and engage potential study participants
- Contribute to team processes and ideas based on lived experience and/or education
- Collect data, including co-facilitating focus groups
- Co-analyze qualitative data and co-author reports, academic papers, and other dissemination materials
- Support dissemination activities

### **Requirements:**

- Lived experience in and connections to at least one immigrant community in Massachusetts
- Social skills required to balance a community-engaged researcher role with other existing community-facing roles
- Listening skills and confidence to provide critical input to team conversations
- Fluency in English in addition to the applicant’s preferred language
- Flexibility and responsiveness with work tasks and timelines
- Ability to work virtually and attend in-person meetings in Greater Boston

**About LZC:** The [Leah Zallman Center for Immigrant Health Research \(LZC\)](#) is a research center at the [Institute for Community Health \(ICH\)](#). LZC’s mission is to partner with immigrant communities, advocates, policymakers, and social and health systems on actionable research to improve immigrant health and well-being. Using interdisciplinary approaches to social science, we conduct research to advance immigrant justice, economic justice, and health justice. LZC is proud to build on ICH’s history of using participatory methods to ensure that community voices in research are amplified to the state and national level as part of evidence-based policymaking. We operate around the following core values: collaboration, equity, rigor, joy, generosity, and impact.

**About MIRA:** The Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA) is New England’s largest non-profit dedicated to promoting the rights and inclusion of immigrants and refugees. With over 140 organizational members, MIRA organizes and empowers members and allies to jointly mobilize immigrant communities to advocate for themselves. MIRA is a respected leader on immigrant issues at the state and national levels, and an authoritative source of information and policy analysis for policy-makers, advocates, immigrant communities and the media.

**To apply:** Please send a 1-page cover letter and resume to Eva Ng, MIRA director of finance and administration ([evang@miracoalition.org](mailto:evang@miracoalition.org)).

**Questions:** Please direct any questions to Danielle Chun, LZC project manager ([dchun@communityhealth.org](mailto:dchun@communityhealth.org)).