**PROGRESS Lab** is a space that acknowledges and addresses the intersectionality innate to human beings, through various mediums, with the intent of improving the quality of life of people by building equitable communities.

**PROGRESS Lab’s** primary goal is to improve outcomes and provide opportunities for underserved or marginalized individuals in our communities. Our work broadly focuses on the diverse experiences of individuals, and uses these experiences to address and eliminate the disparities present in our society, particularly sexual and reproductive health disparities. We aim to do justice to individuals who have been historically marginalized and create space for those individuals to have their needs met. As a result, our hope is people will be informed and empowered, and that we will move towards a stronger, more equitable community.

**CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS:**

**HIV Prevention**
In the **PROGRESS Lab**, we investigate a wide array of topics within health/social psychology. These topics include attitude formation and change, sexual health, intimate relationships, partner communication, persuasion, prejudice, microaggressions, racial/ethnic socialization, sexual socialization, gender roles/inclusion and healthy decision-making. Dr. Kristina Hood's research focuses on attitude formation and attitude change, particularly with regard to attitudes towards condom use and prevention of sexually-transmitted infections.

**Bias and Prejudice**
Another area **PROGRESS Lab** seeks to examine is prejudice and social biases. Our work attempts to understand the underlying mechanisms of social biases, such as racism and heterosexism, and their effects on decision-making processes and lived experiences of majority and minority groups. This work is rooted in intersectionality, equity and social justice.

**Gender Inequity**
Dr. Hood also has research interests in gender role orientations in different racial groups, couple decision-making and the study of stereotyping and prejudice.

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Application for the PROGRESS Lab

My name: ______________________________ My VCU email: ______________________________

Year in school: (Circle one)

1st  2nd  3rd  4th  5th & beyond  Graduate

Major(s): ______________________________

Anticipated date of graduation: _________

Current estimated GPA: _________

Have you taken the following courses? (Note: None are required to be admitted to the lab other than PSYC 101. These are for my understanding of your level of background knowledge).

- Introduction to Psychology (PSYC 101)  No  Yes  (Grade received: ____)
- Basic Practice of Statistics (STAT 210)  No  Yes  (Grade received: ____)
- Application of Statistics (PSYC 214)  No  Yes  (Grade received: ____)
- Experimental Methods (PSYC 317)  No  Yes  (Grade received: ____)
- Health Psychology (PSYC 412)  No  Yes  (Grade received: ____)

Are you interested in receiving course credit as part of your participation in lab?  Yes  No

What semester(s) would you be interested in participating?  Summer  Fall  Spring

What do you want to do for a living? What are your career goals?

Why are you interested in this lab? How do you think it can help you meet your goals?

By submitting this application, I hereby grant my consent for Dr. Hood to access my academic records as part of her review.

___________________________________________________  ______________
Signature  Date

Please return this form to Dr. Hood's mailbox in 806 Franklin (White House), or by email at progresslab@vcu.edu