





Faculty Member Contact Information

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2 Unfunded URCA Assistant

	This position is ONLY open to students who have declared a major in this discipline.	M
	This project deals with social justice issues.	
	This project deals with sustainability (green) issues.	
X	This project deals with human health and wellness issues.	
	This project deals with community outreach.	
	This mentor's project is interdisciplinary in nature.	I

Are you willing to work with students from outside of your discipline? If yes, which other disciplines?

- Yes, my project is truly interdisciplinary, please also mark me as interested in taking students from these areas: Public health; data analytics; nursing.

How many hours per week will your student(s) be required to work in this position?
(Minimum is 6 hours per week; typical is 9)

- 8-10

Will it be possible for your student(s) to earn course credit?

- Yes, 1-3 credit hours of ECON 490

Location of research/creative activities:

- AH 3144

Brief description of the nature of the research/creative activity?

The URCA student will assist on modeling out multiple scenarios exploring the value of pediatric VADs. Presently the conventional wisdom is that there is little support for implanting VADs into children that need a heart transplant because the economic benefits are low. This project will seek to show otherwise. Extending the lives of children provides economic benefit to their families.

Brief description of student responsibilities?

1. Collecting data
2. Building an economic model
3. Developing policy arguments

URCA Assistant positions are designed to provide students with *research or creative activities* experience. As such, there should be measurable, appropriate outcome goals. What exactly should your student(s) have learned by the end of this experience?

How policy research can save lives

Requirements of Students

If the position(s) require students to be available at certain times each week (as opposed to them being able to set their own hours) please indicate all required days and times:

- N/A

If the location of the research/creative activities involves off campus work, must students provide their own transportation?

- N/A

Must students have taken any prerequisite classes? Please list classes and preferred grades:

- N/A

Other requirements or notes to applicants:

N/A

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