





Faculty Member Contact Information

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1 Funded, 4-5 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?

- I am open to taking students outside of my discipline, but only those in similar fields.

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)

- 9

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

- Yes, up to 3 credit hours of PSYC 491

Location of research/creative activities:

- Psychology Research Lab, AH 0338

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

Students will learn about social media behaviors and the impacts those behaviors can have. Students will work collaboratively to come up with potential outcome variables (i.e., loneliness, peer belongingness, envy, etc.) in relation to social media behaviors or social media motivations. Students will have the chance to create the surveys and determine methodology for the projects, and then analyze the data they collect. By the end of the project, students will also have the chance to present their research at conferences. Projects are centered around social media behaviors, and social and emotional outcomes related to social media behaviors.

Brief description of student responsibilities?

Students will have the opportunity to generate ideas for research projects, specifically in the realm of social media behaviors with college students. Students will have a hands-on approach with the research project by conducting literature reviews, putting together surveys, running experiments both online and in person, analyzing data and then presenting data at conferences. Students will get experience with SPSS, improving their academic writing and work on their presentation skills.

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?

Students will have completed the following objectives by the end of the URCA experience:

- Conducting literature reviews
- Designing studies and experimental procedures
- Running studies
- Analyzing Data
- Preparing manuscripts and conference materials
- Preparing materials for graduate school

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:

- I require my students at minimum to have taken PSYC 220 and be in PSYC 221 when in lab. Preference goes to students who have completed both courses.
- For students not in Psychology, I need to see that they have some statistical course background in lieu of PSYC 220 and 221.

Other requirements or notes to applicants:

- None