

POSITION # F09-019

Faculty Member Contact Information

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Description of the URCA Assistant Position(s)

Number of students requested: **1**

Number of students who will be funded: **1**

Will the student(s) earn course credit? Yes No If yes, in which course? **BIOL 493A section 022**

Location of research/creative activities: **SL 3209f Kohn lab in Biological Sciences**

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

The influences of genetic and environmental factors on individual's body size: data from rhesus macaques (*Macaca mulatta*) from Cayo Santiago, Puerto Rico

Brief description of student responsibilities:

- 1. Conduct literature review on genetic and environmental factors influencing body size**
- 2. Conduct literature review on life history traits that may influence body size**
- 3. Help determine variables to study**
- 4. Learn how to organize an existing data set that includes information on mothers, their offspring, and their relatives in order to analyze factors influencing body size**
- 5. Learn how to analyze data using Excel and Systat**

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?

- 1. How to find published literature on the research topic.**
- 2. How to use the published literature to develop research hypotheses**
- 3. How to organize data in order to test hypotheses**
- 4. How to analyze data to test hypotheses**
- 5. How to interpret results of data analysis**

Additional 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:

None

If the location of the research/creative activities is off campus, must students provide their own transportation? Yes___ No___ N/A

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

BIOL 120 and BIOL 121 with C or better

Other requirements:

None

Notes to applicants (i.e., any other information you'd like applicants to know about you or the position before applying):

None