

Faculty Member Contact Information

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Description of the URCA Assistant Position

This posting includes one funded position. In addition, the faculty member may be willing to mentor additional, unfunded students.

How many unfunded students is this professor taking in addition to his/her one funded student? 0

(Students, if the faculty member will have both funded and unfunded students, he or she is free to select which student receives the funding. Funding cannot be split up between multiple students; only one student will receive it.)

Which of the following apply to this position?

- 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. 
- This project deals with human health and wellness issues. 

How many hours per week will your student(s) be required to work in this position? 8

(Minimum is 6 hours per week; typical is 9.)

Will it be possible for your student(s) to earn course credit? Yes No

If yes, in which course? GEOG 427

If yes, for how many credit hours? 1-6

Location of research/creative activities: campus

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

This position involves collecting names of businesses in the St. Louis Metropolitan area to identify patterns of regional identity.

Brief description of student responsibilities:

My assistant will query databases for place-based business name, create a database, and conduct some basic analysis.

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?

By the end of the semester, my assistant will gain skills in gathering data, building and maintaining a database, and conducting some data analysis.

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:

No required times; students can set their own schedule.

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

Students do not need their own transportation.

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

There are no prerequisite classes for this position.

Other requirements or notes to applicants:

N/A