

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? N/A

If yes, for how many credit hours? N/A

Location of research/creative activities: N/A

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

The student will provide support for a study that examines the effect of implementing a teacher-led physical activity program in a Head Start program on: 1) increasing physical activity levels, and 2) improving early literacy in African-American (AA) preschool children.

Brief description of student responsibilities:

The Research Assistant would be responsible for assisting with weekly data collection, organization of data and data entry.

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?

The Research Assistant will have learned how to organize and conduct a research project and will have gained experience in data management. Also, the Research Assistant will gain valuable experience in working in Head Start preschool classrooms and with Head Start teachers through classroom observations and child assessment.

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:

The research assistant should be available for data collection at least one day a week, in the morning from 9:00am to noon.

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

The research assistant must be able to provide their own transportation in limited capacity to and from Head Start centers in East St. Louis.

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

N/A

Other requirements or notes to applicants:

The Research Assistant should be Early Childhood Education, Special Education or Kinesiology student. The Research Assistant should be a junior or a senior.