

### 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?**   1  

(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?**   9  

(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?** PSYC 491

**If yes, for how many credit hours?** 3

**Location of research/creative activities:** SIUE Psychology Department, Alumni Hall

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

I am requesting two URCA Assistants. Position 1: One URCA Assistant will assist with a study examining how alcohol refusal affects metaperceptions (what an individual thinks another person thinks of him or her). If this Assistant has interest in the opportunity, he or she may also develop a study related to alcohol use. The URCA stipend will go to this position.

Position 2: One URCA Assistant will assist with two studies. One study will examine the relationship between aspects of Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD) and narcissism, empathy, and self-forgiveness. The second study will explore humor styles. This position will not be funded with an URCA stipend.

### **Brief description of student responsibilities:**

Position 1: This Assistant will be responsible for scheduling pairs of participants for the study and taking them through the experimental session. Additionally, the Assistant will record participation via the Psychology department's "Participant Pool" website. The Assistant will also enter the collected data into an SPSS database. Once enough data have been collected/entered the Assistant will also be instructed about how to analyze and interpret the Results.

Position 2: This Assistant will manage two studies. He or she will schedule sessions and monitor participation. It is anticipated that these studies will be conducted via Survey Monkey. As a result this Assistant will be instructed in the process of downloading and analyzing data. Additionally this Assistant will be involved in conducting literature searches related to humor styles and GAD.

### **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?**

Position 1: By the end of the semester this Assistant will be confident in his or her ability to interact with participants and manage the data collection process. Additionally, he or she will have increased skills and knowledge related to SPSS data entry and analysis. If the Assistant chooses to create his or her own study, he or she will have designed and executed a study from the ground up, including writing an IRB application. Depending on the study outcome he or she will also develop a conference proposal based on this study.

Position 2: By the end of the semester this Assistant will have demonstrated the ability to oversee the management of two studies. He or she will also have shown skills in conducting literature searches. Finally, this Assistant will have increased confidence in working with a database, analyzing SPSS data and interpreting results.

### 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 lab will only be available to research assistants 2.5 days per week. Consequently it will be very important that applicants for either of these positions have fairly large blocks of time available on at least a couple of days during the week (M-F).

**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:**

Please indicate which position you are most interested in.