

### **Faculty Member Contact Information**

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### **Description of the URCA Assistant Position**

This posting includes one funded position.

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

None.

(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?**

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

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

#### **Location of research/creative activities:**

SIUE Early Childhood Center

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

The nature of this work is to observe and gather quantitative data on three different serving styles during lunch at an Early Childhood Education Center. The purpose of this data is to inform which serving style is most effective in increasing proper nutrient intake in preschool children enrolled in community-based early childhood settings.

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

The URCA student will assist in obtaining participant consent forms, preparing materials to be used during data collection, taking actual data, and working on data 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 this experience, the URCA Assistant will have learned about database set-up and maintenance through both Excel and a commercial nutrition database. They will also learn about data collection processes in the early childhood environment, the importance of fidelity and reliability, as well as data management.

### **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:**

I can only select students who will be available at least three days (preferably five days) a week between 11:30am - 1:00pm for data collection.

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

Students must be able to provide their own transportation to and from the SIUE Early Childhood Center on the Edwardsville SIUE campus.

**Must students have taken any prerequisite classes? Please list classes and preferred grades:**  
No.