**Facility Member Contact Information**

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**Description of the URCA Assistant Position**

This posting includes three unfunded positions. There will not be a stipend associated with this project.

Which of the following apply to this position?
- [ X ] This position is only open to students who have declared a major in this discipline.  
- [ ] This project deals with social justice issues.  
- [ ] This project deals with sustainability (green) issues.  
- [ X ] 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.
- If ‘yes,’ in which course? PSYC 491  
- If ‘yes,’ for how many credit hours? 3

**Location of research/creative activities:**
My Research Lab, AH 0406

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

Students will work on a study aimed at determining if “fitspirational” content, which is designed to inspire healthy behaviors, is actually detrimental in terms of body image, obsessive exercise, and eating disorders.

**Brief description of student responsibilities:**

Students will assist the professor and a graduate student as they collect data (running individual students through the research protocol) and enter data into SPSS. They may be marginally involved in data analysis and write up.

**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?**

Ethical considerations in research, how to adhere to a research protocol, how to collect data, about SPSS databases, how to enter data and possibly how to analyze and write up data.

**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 3 students selected must be able to attend a weekly, 1-hour meeting that will be determined by the mentor and graduate student shortly before the semester begins. Highly independent, hardworking, conscientious students will be selected.

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

Students should have taken PSYC 220 and 221 and have earned at least a B in both.