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1 Funded URCA Assistant

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<th>This position is <strong>ONLY</strong> open to students who have declared a major in this discipline.</th>
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<td>This mentor’s project is interdisciplinary in nature.</td>
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Are you willing to work with students from outside of your discipline? If yes, which other disciplines?

- Only similar fields

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

- 6-8 hours

Will it be possible for your student(s) to earn course credit?

- No
Location of research/creative activities:
  • Facilitative Language and Tutoring Center (Peck Hall 2310)

Brief description of the nature of the research/creative activity?
This will be mixed methods study with that will explore Latino students’ sense of belongingness in higher education. The idea is to have better understanding of the barriers experienced by this group and learn about opportunities for improving how colleges serve this underrepresented community.

Brief description of student responsibilities?
  - Read summarize articles related to this topic
  - Complete human participant research ethics (IRB) training
  - Draft a survey and interview questions
  - Conduct pilot
  - Summarize findings

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?
  Develop an understanding of the research process.
  Write summaries with APA citation
  Develop a survey and interview guide
  Learn about ethics in research when working with human subjects

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:
  • Student is expected to work on campus weekly. Preferably, Tuesdays and Thursdays, and attend a meeting in Zoom on Fridays.

If the location of the research/creative activities involves off campus work, must students provide their own transportation?
  • No off campus work expected.

Must students have taken any prerequisite classes? Please list classes and preferred grades:
  • N/A
Other requirements or notes to applicants:

- Preference will be given to students that have a high interest in the topic due to their own heritage or area of study.