

Faculty Member Contact Information

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1 Funded, Unfunded URCA Assistant

	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.	+
	This project deals with community outreach.	👉
	This mentor's project is interdisciplinary in nature.	I

Are you willing to work with students from outside of your discipline? If yes, which other disciplines?

Yes

How many hours per week will your student(s) be required to work in this position?
(Minimum is 6 hours per week; typical is 9)

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

Yes MC499 "Independent Study" 3

Location of research/creative activities:

my office or virtual meeting with me 1 hour per week, in their own space 8 hours per week

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

The student will assist me with a research project centered on women and horror movies. The project is titled "There's a lot about women's lives that's horrifying: Why women love horror movies". I have already collected and organized data for this project; I interviewed 25 women who love horror films.

Brief description of student responsibilities?

Depending on the student's skillset, the student will 1) gather relevant research related to horror movies, 2)help me to analyze the data and select relevant quotes for the manuscript, and possibly 3)write up select pieces of the manuscript for publication, if this student is interested in receiving a publication in an academic journal article.

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?

Yes

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:

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

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

Other requirements or notes to applicants:

Students should be at least a junior by credits, should have strong teamwork and writing skills, and should have an interest in academic research and writing.