# **Faculty Member Contact Information**

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## 1 Funded, 1 Unfunded URCA Assistant

|   | This position is <b>ONLY</b> open to students who have declared a major in this discipline. |   |  |
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|   | This project deals with social justice issues.  | • |  |
|   | This project deals with sustainability (green) issues.                                      |   |  |
| X | This project deals with human health and wellness issues.                                   | + |  |
| X | 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?

• No, I am open to taking students outside of my discipline, but only those in similar fields.

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)

• 6

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

• No

#### Location of research/creative activities:

TBD

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

This research project evaluates the effectiveness of Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training in faith-based communities by measuring changes in participants' perceptions, attitudes, and knowledge before and after training. Pre and post surveys will be administered.

### **Brief description of student responsibilities?**

As a research assistant, you will be responsible for inputting survey data, organizing and verifying data, and assisting with data cleaning to prepare for analysis. Also, assisting with transcripts from participant interviews. This role offers hands-on experience in data management and research methodologies relevant to mental health.

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?

Insight into Mental Health Research: Students will gain an understanding of the significance of Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training and its impact on community mental health literacy and stigma reduction. They will learn the importance of evaluating mental health programs and contributing to evidence-based practices.

#### **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:

N/A

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:

N/A