





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?

Location of research/creative activities:

Foreign Language Technology Center (Peck Hall 2310)

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

Explore the pedagogical uses of comics in second language learning. The focus languages are Spanish and English.

Brief description of student responsibilities?

Students will review previous academic publications. Study different types of comics in English and Spanish. Complete evaluative reviews of these comics and their potential for adoption in a language classroom. Pilot the use of comics by tutoring language students in our programs. Collect and 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?

The project will include all the phases of research as the goal is to pilot a new approach to language teaching. The associate will complete each phase of research with the direction and guidance of the professor.

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:

Students can arrange their schedule in a way that does not disrupt their coursework. There will be one mandatory in-person meeting a week with the professor. The student should be available to work in the FLTC during open times M-F 9-4pm.

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

Foreign Language Technology Center in Peck Hall 2310.

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

Advanced proficiency in Spanish and English. Junior or Senior preferred. Interested in comics and language education field.

Other requirements or notes to applicants: