

Faculty Member Contact Information

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1 Funded, 4 Unfunded URCA Assistant(s)

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)

- 9 hours per week

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

- Yes, in PSYC491 for 3 credits credit hours.

Location of research/creative activities:

- Research lab on campus

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

- I am interested in the "self-transcendent" positive emotions of awe, compassion, and gratitude. My projects recently have focused around how to induce or measure awe and the impact of awe on student engagement in the classroom and with learning in general.

Brief description of student responsibilities?

- Students will read and discuss research articles, provide feedback on drafts of papers, submit an abstract for a conference, create a poster to present at a conference (conference attendance is optional but encouraged), conduct literature searches, summarize research articles, create study materials, analyze data.

- We train on how to do these tasks in weekly meetings where we also discuss our projects and research we're reading. Being in a psychology research lab is great fun and a wonderful (though challenging) learning experience for students looking to further their knowledge of research and take a class that happens outside the traditional classroom. In my lab, I provide some career counseling as students navigate what happens after graduation.

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?

- Students in my lab report that they learn how to more confidently:
 1. read and discuss psychology research articles
 2. use SPSS to analyze data
 3. create posters that organize data
 4. present research orally to non-experts
 5. assist with manuscript revisions and research
 6. navigate career or graduate school journey

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:

- Lab meetings will be scheduled based on group available, but you are expected to be able to carve out time to meet with lab each week.

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

- On campus only.

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

- PSYC220 is preferred; will consider dual enrollment of PSYC220 and PSYC491 (URCA lab)

Other requirements or notes to applicants:

- Enthusiasm about research and willingness to work as a team are both important. Thanks for your interest!