

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?

- No

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

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

- Yes, in PSYC 491 for 3 credit hours.

Location of research/creative activities:

- Research lab on capus

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

- Students will learn about social media behaviors and the impacts those behaviors can have. Students will work collaboratively to come up with potential outcome variables (i.e., loneliness, peer belongingness, envy, etc.) in relation to social media behaviors or social media motivations. Students will have the chance to create the surveys and determine methodology for the projects, and then analyze the data they collect. Students will also get the chance to collect data in person and be part of experiments happening in the lab. By the end of the project, students will also have the chance to present their research at conferences. Projects are centered around social media behaviors, and social and emotional outcomes related to social media behaviors.

Brief description of student responsibilities?

- Students will have the opportunity to generate ideas for research projects, specifically in the realm of social media behaviors with college students. Students will have a hands-on approach with the research project by conducting literature reviews, putting together surveys, running experiments both online and in person, analyzing data and then presenting data at conferences. Students will get experience with SPSS, improving their academic writing and work on their presentation skills.

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 will learn how research projects start and finish. They will be more comfortable with analyzing data, understanding data collection and presenting their data in front of people. Students will hopefully present at a conference but if not, they will present in the Spring semester at the Psych Expo.

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?

- No

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

- Yes - PSYC 220 and preference for those who have also completed PSYC 221.

Other requirements or notes to applicants:

- N/A