

**Faculty Member Contact Information**

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**1 Funded, 1 Unfunded URCA Assistant**

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|          | This position is <b>ONLY</b> open to students who have declared a major in this discipline. | <b>M</b>  |
|          | This project deals with social justice issues.  |    |
| <b>X</b> | This project deals with sustainability (green) issues.                                      |    |
| <b>X</b> | This project deals with human health and wellness issues.                                   |  |
| <b>X</b> | This project deals with community outreach.   |  |
|          | This mentor's project is interdisciplinary in nature.                                       | <b>I</b>  |

**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 hours

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

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**Location of research/creative activities:**

On campus at SIUE

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

The student will have the opportunity to work with me on one or more projects. The first project involves transcription and analysis of interviews conducted with individuals experiencing food insecurity. The second project involves creating an interview guide for and completing transcription and transcript analysis of interviews with students participating in a nutrition-related leadership program. Another possibility includes contributing to analysis of data and manuscript writing for an existing project related to interprofessional education.

**Brief description of student responsibilities?**

Student responsibilities will include (but are not limited to): conducting literature reviews, data collection, assisting with data analysis, and writing manuscripts related to the aforementioned projects. All student activities will be performed under the guidance of Dr. Zuercher.

**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?**

By the end of the semester, students will have completed human subjects training and should feel confident in their ability to read and interpret peer-reviewed literature, be able to conduct basic statistical and qualitative analysis, and communicate and discuss scientific findings related to our current research projects (i.e. poster presentations at local, regional, or national venues). Students will be directly involved in the reporting of research findings and will be exposed to a variety of community organizations beyond the program and department.

**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:**

Most projects will allow for students to perform their work based on their own availability; hours will be scheduled based on student availability. Weekly meetings will be required of the URCA or volunteer. These times will be scheduled at the start of t

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

Work will take place either on campus or at a location convenient to the student (e.g. their home, library).

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

Preference will be given to upper level nutrition students. Students will also be required to complete CITI training for human subjects research. A strong work ethic, good time management skills, and openness to working with people from diverse background

**Other requirements or notes to applicants:**