





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.	
X	This project deals with sustainability (green) issues.	
X	This project deals with human health and wellness issues.	
	This project deals with community outreach.	
X	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, my project is truly interdisciplinary, please also mark me as interested in taking students from these areas: Chemistry, Biology, Engineering

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?

- No

Location of research/creative activities:

- Art and Design - Ceramics . Rm 1218

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

The objective of this URCA program application is to recruit a student assistant who will work with an Art and Design faculty member in their ceramics studio. The assistant will acquire skills in both traditional ceramic processes such as wheel processes, water etching, slip trailing, and gold luster application. The program also offers the opportunity to gain experience in exhibiting artwork, including packing and shipping, communication, applications, documentation, and demonstrations of relevant professional practices.

Brief description of student responsibilities?

Throughout the semester, students are expected to demonstrate:

- An ability to balance URCA duties with their ongoing academic studies
 - A willingness to acquire new skills.
 - Professionalism and patience regarding practicing ceramic processes.
 - Adaptability to various ongoing projects at different stages of the creative process
 - Consistent adherence to a schedule as established in advance.
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- The creation of ceramics through hand-building, wheel-throwing, or mold-making techniques, with a focus on faculty and student research

In this mentorship exchange, students will learn:

- The creation, modification, and testing of slips, glazes, underglazes, and clay bodies including material chemistry.
- The operation of gas-fired and electric kilns, including loading and unloading as well as maintenance and repair.
- Safe and professional packing, shipping, and unpacking of artwork.
- Maintaining relationships with galleries and community centers including networking with other artists.
- Artwork documentation and digital image editing.

- The creation of promotional materials for creative research, including exhibition posters, postcards, email announcements, and a website.
- To continue professional and conceptual development as necessary to suit the needs of the individual student.

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?

Working under the faculty's guidance, the URCA student will develop their own technical skills, maintain a content-driven creative process, and develop a clear aesthetic vision. The knowledge and expertise gained from this program can be applied to the student's own artistic practice. The student will also have the chance to participate in critiques and work alongside the faculty in the studio during dedicated URCA time. Faculty assistance with the development of the student's own artistic voice is a critical aspect of this URCA program.

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 must not be enrolled in ART441 - Research in Drawing

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

- Transportation will be provided for any Off-Campus work.

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

- There are no required course prerequisites.

Other requirements or notes to applicants:

- Students should speak with the professor before completing this application.