

PSY 390 Research Opportunity – Spring 2022

Faculty member or graduate student

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Description of research area

Research in the UNICORN (**UN**derstanding Identity and the **CO**ntinuance of **RO**les and **NO**rms) lab examines how and why people defend and maintain social categories and hierarchies.

Topics of investigation include:

- Stereotypes of different groups (e.g., based on gender/sex, sexual orientation, and social class)
- Opposition to policies that benefit marginalized groups (e.g., trans and non-binary people)
- The psychology of different feminist ideologies
- Sexuality
- Sexism, misogyny, and negative attitudes towards femininity

Description of undergraduate participation

The lab experience is designed to provide students with hands-on experience with the research process.

Research assistants have the opportunity to:

- Conduct research using a variety of research designs and methods
- Gain experience in software used for research (e.g., Qualtrics, SPSS)
- Engage with and code open-response data
- Read and analyze published academic articles
- Be active participants in weekly lab meetings and discussions about research

More experienced research assistants also have opportunities to:

- Engage in independent research projects, mentored by Dr. Morgenroth
- Present their results to the lab and at conferences
- Train and mentor incoming undergraduate research assistants

Research setting

Weekly lab meetings will (hopefully) be held in person. Most other work can be carried out in the lab or remotely, depending on the task and research assistants' preference.

Number of assistants needed

2-4

To apply

Please send an e-mail to Dr. Morgenroth (t.morgenr@purdue.edu). You will then be sent a short application form to fill out.

Additional comments

Members of underrepresented or marginalized groups are particularly encouraged to apply. In addition, individuals interested in pursuing careers in academic research and/or who may be interested in working in the lab for more than one semester are particularly encouraged to apply. Students should be able to commit at least 6 hours/week (2 credits).