Faculty member or graduate student
Dr. James M. Tyler (tyler@purdue.edu)

Description of research area
Our lab explores aspects of positive emotion, wellbeing, and belonging in conjunction with the self and self-relevant behavior. We predominantly use in-lab and computer-based experimental methods to explore these topics. Presently, our lab has ongoing research on several projects. One ongoing line of research explores the experience of gratitude and its relationship with wellbeing. The research is concerned with questions such as: how do people experience and express gratitude in their everyday lives, and how do these experiences of gratitude translate into positive psychological and physical health outcomes? Another key line of research deals with the cognitive and emotional effects of awe and wonder experiences. This research focuses on uncovering the adaptive purpose behind awe: why do people experience wonder and how does it affect the way they interact with others and perceive themselves?

Description of undergraduate participation
Undergraduates will serve as experimenters and will help conduct experiments in the lab. They will also help prepare stimulus materials for the experiments and read relevant articles throughout the semester.

Research setting
Lab

Number of assistants needed
6

Contact information
Please go to: http://web.ics.purdue.edu/~tyler/Self,%20Motivation,%20and%20Social%20Identity%20Lab.html

And return the completed research assistant's application form to: pkearns@purdue.edu

Additional comments
GPA of 3.0 or greater is preferred.