RESILIENCE Research Group
URA Job Description

The RESILIENCE Research Group in the University of Minnesota's Department of Family Social Science seeks to harness trauma-informed research to address the biopsychosocial consequences of social exclusion (e.g., substance use, suicidality, and HIV) in communities disproportionately affected by health disparities, with a particular interest in Black American and LGBTQ+ communities.

Research Assistant Duties

As a research assistant at the RESILIENCE Research Group, you would be involved in many aspects of the research process, including recruiting, scheduling, and testing participants; data cleaning and analysis; critically thinking about research questions; and other administrative lab tasks. Additionally, we value a strong sense of community in our lab that fosters mutual learning and growth. Therefore, RAs are expected to attend weekly lab meetings and read the assigned relevant journal articles or literature prior to meetings to meaningfully participate in facilitated discussions.

Interested research assistants have the opportunity to develop their own independent project or honors thesis with the lab's data sets. These responsibilities include developing a research hypothesis, analyzing our lab's current data, familiarizing yourself with relevant literature, writing a paper, and presenting your results to our lab. You will be paired with a RESILIENCE Research Group graduate student to mentor you throughout this process.

Research Assistants Should:

- Be interested in what we study.
- Be willing and eager to learn new skills.
- Have good basic computer skills.
- Have good attention to detail.
- Have excellent interpersonal skills.