

2022-2023 Academic Year Internship Opportunities

Project: Work, Families and Children Research Group

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Internship Description

Currently several research projects are being conducted under the umbrella of [Work, Families and Children](#) at the Wellesley Centers for Women. Much of our work is on child development (birth to age 8) and early education and care. I am willing to supervise any research project a student wishes to complete on any topic in human development, early education and care as well as on any topic that includes children, women, families or work. We have various data sets that can be explored and used in answering questions a student may have about all facets of child development, school readiness, quality of child care, family functioning, combining work and family and/or early education and care in general.

The intern will develop an independent project that will be completed over the academic year. Projects may include data collection through surveys, observations or interviews. They may also be more academic in nature and delve deeper into a current problem or concern of interest to the student. Often our interns have done both and use surveys, observations and interviews to supplement and support their research. Supervision and mentoring will be provided to help guide the intern.

Internship Responsibilities

- Develop a topic of exploration and accompanying research questions. Complete a literature review, design a study, collect data, do analyses, write a paper, and present at the Ruhlman conference.
- Weekly meetings with Dr. Robeson will take place.

Skills Required

- The intern must be able to work well independently.
- Prior psychology classes in child development or education classes is a plus.
- Prior work in conducting analyses is also a plus but not a requirement.

Experience Intern Can Expect to Gain

The intern will learn more about how to conduct research from beginning to end. In addition, the intern will gain a deeper knowledge of the self-selected topic chosen as a whole year of exploration will be devoted to that goal.