

Racial Differences in The Effect Of Parental Incarceration And Depression Among Mid-Life Adults

Project Summary: Dr. Margaret Ralston and Dr. Kecia Johnson in the Department of Sociology are looking for an undergraduate students to work as research assistant on quantitative study of race, incarceration and wellbeing among adults over the age of forty. The goal of this research is to further understand the impact of parental Incarceration on later life health and well-being.

Paid Position: \$12 an hour

Hours requires per week – 10 to 15

Summer 2023- 10 weeks (Somewhat flexible but will be between May 15 and August 15)

Optional credit is available through a Directed Independent Study course in the Department of Sociology. This opportunity is an excellent fit for students looking for research experience in anticipation of enrolling in graduate school in the behavioral sciences.

Description of Responsibilities and Position Duties:

Responsibilities of this position include completing required Institutional Review Board ethics training in human subjects research, conducting library searches of literature, initiative data cleaning and coding, preparing data for presentation. The student will present their research at the Mississippi State Undergraduate Research Shows in late summer. Must be able to meet in person occasionally. Must plan on being enrolled in Fall 2023 classes.

Desired Qualifications and Skills

The ideal student for this opportunity has taken at least a 1000-level Sociology course, is self-motivated and organized, with strong communication skills, and is empathetic to the experiences of others. Preferred if student has SPSS or STATA skills

How to Apply

Interested students should contact Dr. Ralston at mr1636@msstate.edu. Please explain your interest, availability, and skills for the project and attach a resume.