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Project topic(s): Social networks; empathy; incarcerated population; prosocial behavior; moral psychology; political psychology; social inequality.

Brief description of scientific issues:
What is the relationship between close social networks on-campus, well-being, and stress? What are the underlying processes that play a role in empathy for people who were formerly incarcerated? How do our beliefs about the nature of happiness affect our tendency to engage in helping behavior? How does the moralization of different policy issues influence political polarization? Does empathy for the poor shape the way we interpret social and economic inequality? If you are interested in these questions and want to learn more about the theory and literature behind them, we encourage you to apply to this summer research position.

Skills required:
No requirements, but introductory coursework in psychology and familiarity with R are preferred.

Skills to be learned:
Survey development, study deployment, online data collection, literature review, and more.

Hours: Full or Part time