

Dollar Stores Research
Research Assistant
Work-Study Position
Fall 2020

The [qualitative research](#) component of the Dollar Stores Study aims to understand consumer motivations for shopping at dollar stores and factors influencing retail decision-making among dollar store shoppers. This research intends to highlight consumers' decision-making in their own words and understand how their experiences may have shifted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This work is part of a larger project on understanding the role of Dollar Stores on food access, led by Drs. Sean Cash (Friedman) and Wenhui Feng (Public Health). The broader goal of our research is to address food access-related health disparities and to inform interventions and policy around these issues.

The research assistant will be a key member of the qualitative research team.

Position Responsibilities:

The Research Assistant will be supervised by qualitative study Co-PI Sean Cash and Alexandria Schmall, and will support the following weekly tasks:

- Participant recruitment & interview scheduling
- Conduct of interviews with participants
- Detailed note-taking during interviews
- Qualitative data analysis
- Collaboration with wider Dollar Stores team to advance overall research

Commitment:

- 7-10 hours per week (flexible) during the fall semester, with the potential to continue in the Spring semester
- Start date in September 2020
- \$18/hour

Preferred Qualifications:

- Current eligibility for federal work-study
- Experience with qualitative data collection and analysis
- Experience with research related to food access, food security, and consumer behavior in the United States
- Written and oral proficiency in Spanish
- Attention to detail, ability to work independently and meet deadlines

To apply, please send a resume and brief cover letter to Alexandria Schmall, alexandria.schmall@tufts.edu