

Making Research Personal

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LEARNING CHECK-IN: Dr. Kristin Laurin's Interview

Objectives

- ✓ *To learn about the life of a prominent psychological researcher*
- ✓ *To expand awareness of what psychology research looks like*



APA Goals for the Undergraduate Psychology Major (2.0)

GOAL 4: Communication

- 4.1 Demonstrate effective writing for different purposes

GOAL 5: Professional Development

- 5.5 Develop meaningful professional direction for life after graduation

Instructions

View the [interview](#) with Dr. Kristin Laurin and answer the following questions:

1. What are Dr. Laurin's thoughts on deciding between doing applied or theoretical research?
2. According to Dr. Laurin, good grades and awards do not necessarily indicate success in one's field. Why does she feel that way?
3. Dr. Laurin suggested several skills/characteristics that could be very helpful to have in the field of research. What were a few of her suggestions?
4. Dr. Laurin described how her identity has influenced her research choices. How might your identity have an impact on your research choices?
5. What did Dr. Laurin discuss regarding her experiences and opinions that resonated with you? Were there areas that surprised you? Explain your answers.
6. Considering Dr. Laurin's view of her career, do you believe life as an academic researcher may be a good fit for you? Why or why not?