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**Annabelle:** *Do you think that being a Research Assistant has been a worthwhile experience?*

**Claire:** Yes, definitely it is, look at the practical things we are doing, you know. And the combination of doing a research assistantship and coursework is very good. My coursework is the theory, and what I do with Donna Knowles, my research assistantship supervisor, is the practical part. My experience has been very valuable and very interesting. I hope I will continue to keep learning lots of new things from Donna because she has such a good knowledge of research. (interview transcript)

**Annabelle:** *Would you recommend that other students participate in research assistantships?*

**Claire:** Yes, first of all they can know about things such as qualitative research analysis software. Secondly, they can use what they have learned from their research assistantship for their own thesis or project. As an RA, it has given me some experience. I feel prepared for my own thesis. I have learned from my research assistantship supervisor. The way I see it, is that the professor has already worked on many such research projects. They have much experience and students can learn from working with experienced researchers. If I decide to become a professor this experience is going to be helpful when I go for a job of this kind. I have learned so much. (interview transcript)

