

Tips for getting started as an undergraduate researcher

Think about your interests

- What are you interested in studying?
- What areas and departments might be related to your interests?
- Are there classes you can take that will help you explore your interests?
- Know your goals – why are you interested in getting involved in research?

Do your homework

- Read faculty websites and learn about their research projects
- Read journal articles and books faculty have published about their research
- Talk to undergraduates already working with a faculty member about their experiences
- Attend Frontiers in Undergraduate Research to learn what other students have done (held in April)

Be your own best advocate

- Make an appointment to talk to a faculty member whose work interests you
- Don't send a generic email – show that you are truly interested in the subject
- Start early and be persistent

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