

How to Get Involved in Research Worksheet

Name:

Major(s):

Questions to Ask Yourself	Resources/Things to Consider	Your Responses
Did I complete the first steps?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend a “Get Involved in Research Info Session.” Can’t attend or need a refresher? Watch the Recordings. Review the UROP website. 	
Why do I want to do research?	Don’t know? Ask yourself if you want to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gain hands-on experience. Contribute to my field of study. Learn if my field is right for me. Apply classroom knowledge. Collaborate with others 	
What do I want to research?	Don’t know? Ask yourself: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why did I choose my major? What do I want to learn more about? What are UCI faculty researching? Look at the UCI Faculty Profile System, Google Scholar, and websites for topic inspiration. 	
What model of research do I want to do?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lab work Independent work Don’t know? Look at faculty profiles, Google Scholar, and websites to learn about options. 	
How much time am I willing to commit?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12–15 hours a week 20-hour, on average, during the summer One or more school years 	
When should I get started?	Don’t know? Ask yourself: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do I have time in my schedule? Do I want to clarify my goals/plans? How long do I want to do this? How long before I graduate? 	
Have I researched which faculty I want as a mentor?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look at faculty profiles and Google Scholar. Read websites and publications. 	
Have I contacted those faculty?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the Faculty email template. 	
Am I prepared to meet with faculty?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read their publications more deeply, so that you can ask specific questions. Learn more about your topic through Google. Be prepared to talk specifically about why you want to do research with this professor. 	
How do I apply for UROP recognition & funding?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit UROP Opportunities. 	
If I still have questions after completing this worksheet, what should I do?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stop by Drop-In Hours. Visit the UROP office in the Science Library, 5th floor, call (949) 824-4189, or email urop@uci.edu. Still need help? Schedule an Appointment with a UROP Advisor. 	