# How to Get Involved in Research Worksheet

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| Did I complete the first steps? | • Attend a “Get Involved in Research Workshop.”  
• Can’t attend or need a refresher? Watch the [Workshop Recording](#).  
• Review the [UROP website](#). |  |
| Why do I want to do research? | Don’t know? Ask yourself if you want to:  
• Gain hands-on experience  
• Contribute to my field of study  
• Learn if my field is right for me  
• Apply classroom knowledge  
• Other |  |
| What do I want to research? | Don’t know? Ask yourself:  
• Why did I choose my major?  
• What do I want to learn more about?  
• What are UCI faculty researching? Look at [faculty profiles](#) and websites for topic inspiration.  
• What questions do I want to ask and answer? |  |
| What model of research do I want to do? | • Lab work  
• Independent work  
• Don’t know? Look at [faculty profiles](#) and websites to learn about options. |  |
| How much time am I willing to commit? | • 12–15 hours a week  
• 20 or more hours/week during the summer  
• One or more school years |  |
| When should I get started? | Don’t know? Ask yourself:  
• 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? | • Visit the UCI Faculty Profile System  
• Read websites and publications. |  |
| Have I contacted those faculty? | • Use the [Faculty email template](#) and watch the [Guide to Emailing Professors](#) video. |  |
| Am I prepared to meet with faculty? | • 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? | • Visit UROP Opportunities. |  |
| If I still have questions after completing this worksheet, what should I do? | • 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. |  |