

## How to Get Involved in Research Worksheet

Name:

Major(s):

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