How to Get Involved in Research Worksheet

Ask Yourself	Resources/Things to Consider	Your Responses
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	
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 the UCI Faculty Profile System, Google Scholar, and On-Campus Research 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, or other models? • **Don't know?** Look at faculty profiles and Google Scholar 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, Google Scholar, and On-Campus Research • 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 Recognition and Funding.	
If I still have questions after completing this worksheet, what should I do?	• 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.	