



How Do I Find Research Opportunities?

Many UB academic departments and affiliated institutes offer research opportunities for undergraduate students. The research duties and responsibilities as well as type of research (e.g., bench research versus clinically based) can vary. Many times, if you are interested in biomedical research, it is useful for you to have completed courses through biochemistry. However, there are, of course, exceptions to this. Exposure to research through any academic department is perceived as valuable!

- 1) Develop a professional resume. Utilize the resources at Career Services (259 Capen) to help you.
- 2) Assess your goals in gaining research exposure. Be sure you have a genuine interest in research as well as the individual projects you pursue.
- 3) Go to the Center for Undergraduate Research and creative Activities (CURCA) website at <http://curca.buffalo.edu/>. Click on “Research Opportunities”.
- 4) Explore various academic department websites and look under “Faculty/Faculty Research Interests” or words to this effect. Contact individual faculty to investigate any opportunities.
- 5) Go to <http://www.buffalo.edu/research/> and read about current UB projects. Consider contacting the principal investigator of the project if you have a particular interest in the work.
- 6) Look to the right hand side of the page <http://www.buffalo.edu/research/> to see all the affiliated institutes with the University at Buffalo particularly under “The Body” and “The Physical World”.
- 7) Look on departmental bulletin boards.
- 8) Ask your friends/classmates, RAs, etc., especially if they are or have been involved in research efforts.
- 9) Talk to your current and past professors.
- 10) Regularly check the “Prehealth Bulletin.”