Undergraduate Research At UCSC

Field Research

Research Symposium

Summer Orientation 2023 (in-person)

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Who, What, Where

I Help Students Explore Research Options

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Website Resources
- ugr.ue.ucsc.edu
- ucsc.edu/research
Undergraduate Research

• Any new contribution to an academic field done by an undergrad

• Hands-on experience
  • Plan and complete a project: design it, gather data, analyze the data, and present your findings

• Work with a mentor
  • Faculty, Post-Doc, or Grad student

Exciting and Challenging
Why Do Research?

- Build connections
- Increase self-value
- Have strong letters of recommendation
- Increase sense of belonging
- Improve future opportunities
Research Options at UCSC

- Research with a Mentor
  - Connect with your faculty and or grad student TAs

- Participate in a Research Program
  - Check out ugr.ucsc.edu
  - STEM Diversity programs, HSI Initiatives, Research Mentoring Institute, STEPS institute, SURF-IT, UC Leads, and more

- Take Research Classes
  - Class and/or seminar, Thesis research, Independent Study

- Consider Internships
  - Contact Career Success
  - ENVS Internship office
Getting Started: Strategies

1. Make an Advising Appointment
   • w/ Don Bard through Slug Success
   • Id your field of interest
   • Create a strategic plan

2. Build Relationships
   • Talk with your instructors
   • Talk with your TAs
   • Id department faculty

3. Begin Early
   • Start this Fall
   • Set weekly and quarterly goals
   • Meet your major advisor re options

4. Do your research
   • Check dept website, college website, ucsc research program site, and ugr.ucsc.edu
The UCSC Research Website

Research
Daring to question norms, embrace disruption, and change the world.

Research Impact and Recognition
Research is thriving at UC Santa Cruz, as illustrated its statistical impact, the support it receives, and the difference it is making to society.

Research Programs and Units
The campus's research activities range from small groups within academic departments to large units with connections outside UC Santa Cruz.

News about Research
In fields ranging from the arts to the sciences, the impressive work being done by faculty, staff, and student researchers is making headlines.

Research in the Divisions
Research takes place within each of the campus's five academic divisions — collaborative activities that often involve people working across multiple fields.

Student Opportunities
Research opportunities are plentiful for UC Santa Cruz students, enabling graduate students as well as undergraduates to work closely with faculty.

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The Research Opportunities Website

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Questions / More Info

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