Welcome to UCSC!

Undergraduate Research (UR) is done in every department at UCSC. Examples include:

- Critical analysis of primary or secondary sources
- Design
- Scientific investigations in social, physical, and biological sciences
- Creative projects or activities
- Performance arts

Participating in UR gives you the opportunity to put your coursework to use and to be actively involved in your own education. As a transfer student, if you want to get involved in UR, it is critical for you to start the process of finding an opportunity as soon as possible. Listed below are some important steps to help you begin. See the other side of the paper for links.

- **Go to office hours weekly. Start NOW.** Most UR opportunities are with professors, so you need to build personal relationships with faculty. Ask about the class and the professor's research and career path. You will need reference letters from professors this fall for positions next summer.

- **Find professors who are doing research or creative activities that interests you and talk to them now.** Look at the department webpages to learn about what professors' research topics. Then email the professors or go to office hours and ask the professors about their research and they look for in an undergraduate research assistant.

- **Get good grades.** Many (but not all) programs have GPA requirements. It is never too late to improve your study skills.

- **Take advantage of support programs.** Utilize the support available at STARS and look into free tutoring at Learning Support Services. See the Academic Support link on the other side.

- **Visit the UCSC Undergraduate Opportunities website and database.** The home page has links to division-specific information.

- **Begin to look into summer research programs now.** Application deadlines are often in winter quarter. There is a dedicated web page about summer research for Science, Technology, Engineering or Math (STEM) majors.

- **Consider classes that involve UR.** For example, Psychology 194: Advanced Research, the Forest Ecology Research Plot, or the School of Engineering Corporate Sponsored Senior Project Program.
Tips for Transfers: Getting Involved in Undergraduate Research

UCSC Undergraduate Research Opportunities Webpage
(Links to each division are on the home page)

- Frequently Asked Questions
  [http://ugr.ucsc.edu/FAQ](http://ugr.ucsc.edu/FAQ)
- UCSC Undergraduate Research Opportunities searchable database
  [http://ugr.ucsc.edu/database](http://ugr.ucsc.edu/database)
- Other Research Opportunities (includes links to Databases and Federal Programs)
  [http://ugr.ucsc.edu/other](http://ugr.ucsc.edu/other)
- STEM Summer Research
  [http://ugr.ue.ucsc.edu/Summer_research](http://ugr.ue.ucsc.edu/Summer_research)
- Application Tips
  [http://ugr.ucsc.edu/application_info](http://ugr.ucsc.edu/application_info)
- Academic Support Programs (links to LSS, MEP, EOP, RAD, STEM Diversity)
  [http://ugr.ucsc.edu/Academic_Support](http://ugr.ucsc.edu/Academic_Support)
- Join a Lab or Research Group
  [http://ugr.ucsc.edu/join_a_lab](http://ugr.ucsc.edu/join_a_lab)
- The Independent Study Option
  [http://ugr.ue.ucsc.edu/independent](http://ugr.ue.ucsc.edu/independent)
- What’s Next?
  [http://ugr.ucsc.edu/what_next](http://ugr.ucsc.edu/what_next)

Additional Resources

- Career Center
- Research Mentoring Institute
  [http://cbse.soe.ucsc.edu/diversity/rmi](http://cbse.soe.ucsc.edu/diversity/rmi)
- STEM Diversity Programs
  [http://stemdiv.ucsc.edu/](http://stemdiv.ucsc.edu/)

Selected Summer Programs

For links, see Other Research Opportunities, [http://ugr.ucsc.edu/other](http://ugr.ucsc.edu/other)

- Internship and Fellowship Opportunities in Science with the US government
- Pathways to Science, database for multiple disciplines
- National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates (including STEM, education, ethics, social sciences, behavioral sciences and economics)
- Leadership Alliance Mellon Initiative (sciences, engineering, social sciences and humanities)