

Suggestions on How Students Can Get Started in Undergraduate Research

- * Talk to faculty about research. Having a hard time talking to faculty? Sign up for a small class, such as a freshman or sophomore seminar.
- * Attend a research opportunity workshop. These workshops provide valuable information to help you get started in a research. Topics include how to 1) write a research proposal, 2) use human participants in research, 3) analyze research data and prepare reports, 4) write a research paper, 5) write an abstract, and 6) present a research project.
- * Participate in research with a faculty member in A Katrina Recovery Initiative (AKRI) project. If you are a student in the division of Natural Science and Public Health, contact, you will be assigned a faculty mentor through the LAMP program.
- * Speak to your major advisor about research opportunities in your department.
- * Take a methods and statistics course as early as possible. Whatever your field, your department has a course that reviews the major methods used to approach problems specific to your field.
- * Investigate independent research opportunities through senior thesis options or projects.
- * Talk to everyone you can think of about your research ideas and ask for feedback and advice.
- * Look for announcements from the Office of Undergraduate Research or your division about funding student research.
- * Participate in the annual Undergraduate Research & Creative Work Competition.
- * Participate in the annual Algebra Relay--a fun activity that is open to all majors.
- * Submit your finished research project for publication in the Dillard University Journal of Undergraduate Research (DUJOUR). For those of you interested in attending graduate or professional school, this is an excellent opportunity to showcase your accomplishments.

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