



Berkeley Discovery: Getting Started in Research Projects



Cal provides a variety of research opportunities for undergraduate students

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RESEARCH IS...

Creative exploration that charts a pathway to discovering new knowledge—a process that is marked by self-generated questions that address gaps or shortcomings in the field.

WHY DO RESEARCH?

- An opportunity to personalize learning that takes place in the classroom
- A way to connect your academic studies to your extracurricular activities and social commitments—to find a through line that gives purpose and intentionality to your education
- To learn who you are as a thinker and test out your aptitudes and discover where your interests truly lie
- To hone skills (critical thinking, creative problem solving, risk taking, resilience and persistence) that matter in today’s job market and the pursuit of advanced study

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Learn more about each student project by scanning their QR code:

Fallon Burner, *History*

Revitalizing Indigenous language



Peter DePaola IV, *Chemical Biology*

Bacteria immunity



HOW DO UNDERGRADUATES AT UCB GET INVOLVED IN RESEARCH?

Although research can start in coursework, particularly seminars, being at a research university like Cal, gives undergraduates the opportunity to directly participate in the production of new knowledge—to develop as thought pioneers in various fields.

- Become a research assistant with faculty and graduate student led research projects through programs such as [URAP](#), [Biology Scholars](#), and [SMART](#)
- Juniors and seniors may propose an independent research project of their own design and apply for funding from programs like [SURE](#), [Cal NERDS](#) and [Haas Scholars](#)

HOW DO YOU GET STARTED IN RESEARCH?



The Office of Undergraduate Research & Scholarships is an essential resource hub

- Attend a “[Getting Started in Undergraduate Research](#)” workshop
- Meet with an [OURS Peer Advisor](#)
- Visit the [Discovery Opportunities Database](#)

