Get Involved in a Research Lab!

Interested in doing research in a lab on campus, but you’re not sure where to start?

Complete the following 6 steps to secure a position in a lab!
Decide what area(s) you are most interested in

- Not sure?
- Let this inspire you! https://www.indiana.edu/academics/index.html

- My area(s) of interest:

________________________________________________________
Go to the website of the IU department or program where you might like to work!

- Read through the faculty profiles

  - You may find listed under profiles → Areas of Study, Research Topics/Summaries, Publications

  - Reading through these will help you see if your interests are aligned with the faculty’s current research areas
Choose 1 or more faculty doing research that interests you

• **Names of faculty doing research that interests me:**

  - __________________________________________
  - __________________________________________
  - __________________________________________
  - __________________________________________
Email the faculty you listed above. State your interests and ask if they have any openings in their lab!

Here’s an example

Dear Professor Johnson,

I’m a freshman and I have a strong interest in Geology. Your research on tropical reef ecosystems looks fascinating. Are there any opportunities for an undergraduate to help out in your lab? If so, I would love to learn more about this.

Sincerely,
Andrea Smith
Good Evening Professor Bent,

My name is Bria Davis, and I am one of your SPHS S111 students. I recently chose to minor in Speech & Hearing Sciences, and so far because of your class I am liking my decision. This semester I am looking for volunteer opportunities with SPHS research. After looking at some of your publications, I am intrigued by your research findings and am interested in the work that you do. Is there any way that I can either observe or volunteer with your research during this semester?

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Bria Davis
Attend the appointment with the faculty member

• You want to make sure that this lab is a place you would enjoy working, so make sure to get all your questions answered!

• Also remember that first impressions are important so dress appropriately and be on time!
Send the faculty member a thank you note

• Whether or not you will be working in their lab, consider thanking the faculty member for taking time to meet with you.

• They will greatly appreciate it!
Questions? Concerns?

Feel free to contact Bria Davis at davis217@umail.iu.edu if you have any questions/concerns, or if you need any help with the 6 steps!