

-0INFORMATION THAT MAY HELP GET AN UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH POSITION

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1. What do you look for in a potential undergraduate researcher?

I look for students who: are in their junior year (no freshmen), have taken BIO 215, have received B's and A's in biology courses, have an interest in research and graduate school rather than just something to put on a resume

2. What are the best times of the year for students to look for a spot in your lab?

It is difficult to give a specific time of the year to look for positions in my lab but one suggestion is to plan ahead. I usually plan six months to one year ahead in terms of how many people I can have in my lab.

3. What do you expect from an undergraduate researcher?

I expect interest and enthusiasm as well as at least 8 – 10 hours per week. I view this as an opportunity for the undergraduates, not as a job or obligation. If you view this as an obligation and I have to keep track of you, you should not be doing this

4. What can the student expect to be doing in your lab?

All undergraduates have their own independent project. They will usually work for at least one semester with someone else, usually a graduate student, in order to learn general lab techniques, etc. Several have become completely independent and published.

5. What is the best way to approach you about getting research in your lab?

There is no one best way to approach me about research. Phone or email is fine. I tend to give preference to students that I know, usually from a class. I also get referrals" from other faculty.

6. What kind of repayment can the student expect?

All the students that I had in my lab have started out during the school year doing 499 independent Study for credits. In several cases where the students have done well, and were interested, they worked in my lab over the summer for pay.

7. If course credit is given, what does it take to get an A?

Grading is based mainly on if I feel you are making a good effort, If so, you will receive an A. There are no clear requirements in terms of exactly how much you need to get done. Be aware that sometimes research can be frustrating!

8. Do you have room in your lab now, or foreshadow when you will?

I currently have one undergraduate in my lab, and I have committed to one more in the spring semester. The next time I expect an opening would be next fall