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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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!

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.