

Conducting research can provide valuable experience if you are interested in graduate or professional study, and/or research careers in academia or industry to confirm your area of interest, develop relevant skills, and build a resume for jobs and school applications. Research is available on and off campus, in every field imaginable – from biology, chemistry, engineering and physics to sociology, music, economics and history. Some research opportunities may be limited to students with junior standing or above and may require a minimum GPA (often 3.0). Research during the school year often requires a 10-15 hour/week commitment for a quarter or longer. Check with each program for eligibility and hours requirements.

Consult the list below for some opportunities to gain this type of experience. This list is not exhaustive. Contact professionals and professors, and talk to your network of friends, family, and colleagues for insight on other ways to observe, volunteer, intern and train in your intended field. Find additional experiential opportunities at <http://experience.ucsd.edu/> and at <http://career.ucsd.edu>.

Organization & Contact Information	Description & Details
<b>Research Experience &amp; Applied Learning (REAL) Portal</b> <a href="http://real.ucsd.edu/">http://real.ucsd.edu/</a>	The Research Experience & Applied Learning (REAL) Portal offers research, internship, international, service learning, entrepreneurial, leadership, and other co-curricular opportunities that help students build real-world skills by applying knowledge gained in the classroom.
<b>Academic Enrichment Program (AEP)</b> <a href="http://aep.ucsd.edu">http://aep.ucsd.edu</a>	AEP offers a huge variety of opportunities to obtain research experience during the school year and during the summer under the guidance of UCSD faculty mentors and to present research findings at noted undergraduate research conferences in any academic major in preparation for pursuing a Ph.D., health or other advanced degree. For some programs, funding is available.
<b>Pre-Health Summer Undergraduate Research Opportunities</b> <a href="http://www.aamc.org/members/great/summerlinks.htm">http://www.aamc.org/members/great/summerlinks.htm</a>	Summer research opportunities available at medical and health professional schools nationwide for undergraduate students interested in medicine and health careers are listed here.
<b>Port Triton Job and Internship Listings</b> <a href="https://ucsd-csm.symplicity.com/students">https://ucsd-csm.symplicity.com/students</a>	The Career Services Center's online database lists over 10,000 jobs and internships specifically for UCSD students each year and many involve research. On campus academic departments, major UCSD labs, and local, state and national companies post paid and unpaid research positions daily. Check back often for one that's right for you.
<b>PRIME (Pacific Rim Undergraduate Experiences)</b> <a href="http://prime.ucsd.edu/">http://prime.ucsd.edu/</a>	Sponsored by the Academic Internship Program ( <a href="http://aip.ucsd.edu">http://aip.ucsd.edu</a> ) and funded by the Nat'l Science Foundation, PRIME students participate in research internships in Pacific Rim countries with the theme of improving the international cyberinfrastructure. PRIME program participants receive academic credit for their internship.
<b>Summer Research Opportunities</b> <a href="http://career.ucsd.edu/undergraduates/getting-experience/internship-information/summer-research-opportunities.html">http://career.ucsd.edu/undergraduates/getting-experience/internship-information/summer-research-opportunities.html</a>	Find over 50 listings for summer research opportunities at companies and educational institutions all around the US. Categories include life science and health, technology and physical sciences, social sciences and opportunities for under-represented minority students.
<b>UCSD Summer Research Opportunities</b> <a href="http://sea.ucsd.edu/summer_research/">http://sea.ucsd.edu/summer_research/</a>	This site offers a list of 10+ available summer research programs for undergraduate and graduate students both on- and off-campus. Interested students can visit the UCSD web pages of sponsoring programs to find out more about the opportunities listed.
<b>UCSD Undergraduate Research Center</b> <a href="http://ugresearch.ucsd.edu/">http://ugresearch.ucsd.edu/</a>	This site offers information on how to locate on-campus research opportunities in a variety of academic fields. Learn about getting involved in the Faculty Mentor Program, independent study research projects (199s), and other special research projects. Find advice on connecting with faculty, tips to approaching research projects and frequently asked questions and answers about undergraduate research.

Professors, graduate students and upperclassmen currently doing research at UCSD are great sources of information on the various opportunities available, ways to develop relevant experience and skills, and how to get started in research. Review academic department and faculty web pages to explore the wealth of research being conducted here on campus and then contact people involved on those projects to learn how you can join them.