Undergraduate Research at UNC

Office for Undergraduate Research

New Student Orientation 2016
What is research?

Research is any kind of project or study that results in new knowledge. Research asks unique questions or tries to find innovative solutions to benefit a larger community.
Why should I do research?

- Because it means you’re solving real problems and changing the world right now
- Because it will make you more marketable for jobs and graduate school
- It can help you decide if you like a career, not just a major
- Because it’s fun (usually)
What kind of research do undergraduates at Carolina do?
How do I get started?
I know what I want to research, but I don’t know what to do next!

• Check the database of research opportunities. You can also sign up for the newsletter to hear about other opportunities.
• Contact a liaison for undergraduate research.
• Take a research exposure or research intensive course.
How do I find an advisor?

- Ask your professor, TA, or other people in your area of interest
- Look for past projects in your field and see who mentored those
What if I don’t have any idea what to research?

- Take a **research exposure class**
- Take **IDST 194: Methods of Inquiry**
- Think about issues you care about, hobbies you enjoy, or problems you see
So I’m working on doing my research now . . . What else can I do?

• Sign up to be a Carolina Research Scholar
• Present at the Celebration of Undergraduate Research
• Become an Ambassador of Undergraduate Research
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