

Seeking Research With BU Faculty

On-campus research is a great way to gain experience, apply what you've learned in the classroom, gain references, and explore new career options. It's usually open to all students regardless of previous experience, and easier to apply for than most internships.

- Most research faculty hire student research assistants
- Some opportunities are announced, but most are filled through informal connections
- To become a research assistant, take initiative and reach out to faculty and grad students

STEP 1: EXPLORE FACULTY RESEARCH AREAS

- Browse sites, find research areas, faculty, and labs that interest you

DEPARTMENTAL RESEARCH SITES:

[Biomedical](#)

[Mechanical](#)

[Materials Science](#)

[Electrical & Computer](#)

[Systems](#)

STEP 2: FIND A LAB YOU WANT TO JOIN

- When you find a research area that interests you, look up details about the faculty
- Study [faculty bios](#), look at lab/research group websites, explore faculty LinkedIn pages
- Read publication abstracts to be familiar with professors' work and able to discuss it

STEP 3: REACH OUT

- Visit faculty during Office Hours, emails aren't effective
- Tell them what you know of their research and why it interests you
- Ask if they are hiring Research Assistants
- Also get to know Grad Research Fellows who can refer you to open positions

INSIDER TIPS FROM FACULTY:

- [Profile pages](#) are the place to start learning about faculty
- If you read an abstract of their publication, mention it!
- Have your [Resume/CV](#) ready for when you are asked
- With rare exceptions, all research positions are paid

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

[Research Experiences for Undergrads \(REU\).](#)

[Distinguished Summer Research Fellows](#)

[Undergrad Research Opportunities Program \(UROP\).](#)

[STARS Housing Assistance](#)