RESEARCH!

FIND IT

What are you interested in?

Talk with your peers, professors & concentration advisor about your interests.

Give yourself time to think – try putting it in your calendar weekly.

What kind of research is happening out there?

BURO – BioMed Undergraduate Research Opportunities Portal (in the BUE research webpage).

Join relevant communications (i.e. Biology listserv & BUE Facebook) to hear about opportunities.


Keyword searches - Researchers@Brown, read lab webpages!

Who might I like to work with?

Introduce yourself to professors in person, visit labs with your friends who are already in.

Otherwise send an email of inquiry using depth and brevity (see below!).

SECURE IT

Dean Smith,

I am a rising junior interested in conservation medicine and specifically your work on emerging diseases stemming from the global trade in wildlife. Could I set a time to meet with you to learn more about your research program?

Best wishes,

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Dear Dean Smith,

I am a sophomore here at Brown who recently declared a concentration in Health & Human Biology. I am writing out of interest in your research on global trends in emerging infectious disease. I was very excited to read about your work on the Brown News page last week.

I am eager to pursue medical or graduate school after Brown and focus my efforts on immunology and global health. As I move toward my junior year I am hoping to line up a research experience, collaborative or independent, focused on similar topics.
I have course work and some voluntary experiences that I believe position me well for more in depth work in the lab. Do you have any opportunities for a student like me in your research group over the summer or following academic year? I have attached my resume and transcript and would be delighted to talk with you if an opportunity for me might exist.

Dear Dean Smith,

I am writing to inquire about potential research opportunities in your lab. I am a sophomore intending to pursue a Biology ScB (EEB track). I am specifically interested in your research on New England Cottontail infectious disease dynamics, and Conservation Medicine more broadly. I am available this summer and throughout the fall and spring semesters if you have openings. My transcript and resume are included. You will see that I have solid grades in relevant courses and experience working in the field.

Please let me know if I can schedule a time to speak with you.

Dean Smith,

Dr. Bungiro recommended that I contact you about potential opportunities to pursue research in your lab. I am entering my senior year and very eager to pursue an independent research project where I can explore the global distribution of infectious diseases using new GIS tools. I have read your work published on disease biogeography and would be very excited to speak with you in person. Could I make an appointment?

**SUPPORT IT (funding or course credit)**

DOC funding: UTRAs (summer and semester), LINK Awards through BrownConnect.

PLME SRAs.

Faculty Grants sometimes have support for undergraduates.


**KILL IT!**

Be on the same page about expectations up front.

Schedule regular contact – with the PI and others in the research group.

Speak up early if something is not working.