FINDING RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES AT BROWN

What are you interested in?

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

Give yourself time to think

What kind of research is happening out there?

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

Read Brown News & BioMed News

Keyword searches - Researchers at Brown, read lab webpages!

BrownConnect

Coming…..Research Opportunities in Biology (spring semester)

Identify potential faculty mentors

Introduce yourself in person if you have the opportunity

Otherwise send an email of inquiry using depth and brevity

SAMPLE EMAILS TO FACULTY TO INQUIRE ABOUT RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

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.

I hope to hear from you soon,
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 in your lab. 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.

Very best wishes,

xxx

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 for next week?

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**FUNDING & INDEPENDENT STUDY**

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

BioMed DEANS Awards (summer 2016....look for call in the next few weeks)

Faculty Grants sometimes have support for undergraduates

Independent Study Courses (ie BIOL 1950/1960). *You can’t do these AND get paid at the same time!*