



**Getting Involved In
Psychology Research
Psychology and Counseling
Department; UCA**



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Want a Quick Overview?

- **APA:** [Getting involved in research as an undergraduate: nuts and bolts](#)

Who?

- You!
- UCA Psychology Faculty that are conducting research: [Faculty Research Interests — Psychology and Counseling](#)
- Some faculty have more detail on their individual [Psych Faculty Webpages](#)
- Other grad & undergrad students

What?

- Research experience: working with a faculty member, grad students, and undergrad students on research projects
 - Running participants as an experimenter
 - Creating studies on Qualtrics
 - Maintaining timeslots & granting enrichment credits on SONA
 - Interviewing participants
 - Cleaning data
 - Coding articles or participant responses
 - Mentoring K-12 students; mentoring juveniles
 - Presenting/writing about research
 - And more!

When?

- The sooner the better; “Yesterday”
- Ideally, start working with someone by your Junior year if not earlier
- Sophomore year, Junior year, Senior year, Gap year(s) as a Post-Bacc

Where?

- In-person
 - UCA Campus: Mashburn Hall, Integrated Health Sciences
 - Other locations (schools, prisons, etc.)
 - Lab meetings with faculty and other students; lab space
- Online
 - Zoom & Google meetings; Online, asynchronous work

Why?

- Psychology Faculty can serve as a reference for you; we learn a lot about you
 - Grad School Letters of Recommendation (LORs)
 - Job reference; reference for scholarship; reference for organization; etc.
- Psychology research → Psychology content in classes
- It's fun!

How?

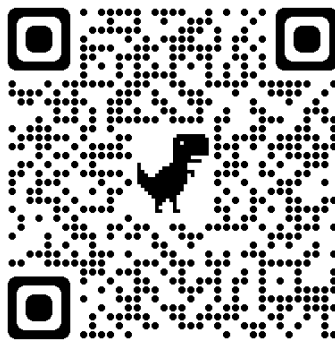
- Steps for requesting research experience with a Psychology Faculty member:
 - 1) Identify who you want to work with based on [what they research](#)/teach
 - 2) Find their email: <https://uca.edu/psychology/facultystaff/>
 - 3) Contact them! (through email preferred, or you can stop by their office)
- Course Credit for PSYC 4V82: Independent Research (1, 2, or 3 credit hours)
- Volunteer (same experience but you don't want the credit hours on transcript)
- PSYC 4301 & 4302: Psychology Apprenticeship I and II (required courses; completing a project with group members under the supervision of a faculty member instructor)
- Honors in the Major (design your own research project)
 - 60+ credits overall completed (Junior status)
 - 12+ credits of PSYC courses
 - 3.50+ overall and PSYC GPA
 - 2+ semesters to dedicate to working weekly with a faculty member who [shares your research interests](#)

Questions?

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Questions? Email me! I'm happy to answer your questions.



**Psychology Faculty
Research Interests**



**Psychology &
Counseling Website**



**APA Guidelines for Getting
Involved in Research as an
Undergraduate**