

Undergraduate Research FAQs

1. How do I get started?

Take a basic Statistics course (STATS 1040) in addition to at least one of the Anthropology methods courses below:

In the Biological Track:

Class	Title	When Offered	Credits
ANTH 3250	Osteology (Methods)	Fall	3
ANTH 5250 (QI)	Problems in Bioarchaeology (Methods)	Spring	3

In the Archaeology Track:

Class	Title	When Offered	Credits
ANTH 5320	Zooarchaeology (Lab)(Methods)	Spring	3
ANTH 5330	Geoarchaeology (Methods)	Fall	3
ANTH 5420	Lithic Analysis (Methods)	Fall	3

In the Cultural Track:

Class	Title	When Offered	Credits
ANTH 3150	Applied Anthropological Survey: History, Uses, Methods, and Careers (Methods)	Spring	3
ANTH 4170	Ethnographic Methods (Methods)	Spring	3
ANTH 5130	Ethnographic Field School (Methods)	Summer	6

You may also need to be certified by the *Institutional Review Board* (if you are doing any human subjects oriented research), which makes sure our research meets all ethical standards. See their website for details: (<http://rgs.usu.edu/irb/>).

2. Who do I talk to about becoming involved in research?

Talk to those who do research: Faculty. Talk to your professors in and outside of class and visit faculty during their office hours to express your interest in research.

3. Are there opportunities for research funding at USU?

There are three sources of funding for undergraduate researchers at USU: URCO, SURCO, and AOF. To make sense of these acronyms, visit the web sites below to learn more. URCO is for research during the academic year, SURCO is for research during the summer, and AOF is for travel funding to attend a conference. The deadlines for applying can be found on their websites:

URCO: (<http://rgs.usu.edu/studentresearch/htm/ur-opportunities/fund-your-research/urco>).

SURCO: (<https://rgs.usu.edu/studentresearch/htm/ur-opportunities/fund-your-research/surco>).

AOF: (http://www.usu.edu/asusu/aof/docs/AOF_Application.pdf)

4. Are there opportunities for me to present my research?

There are many opportunities to present your research on campus and beyond. The main campus-based opportunity is the Student *Showcase*, which typically occurs in April. You should also consider submitting your work for presentation at the *Utah Research* on Capitol Hill (restricted to Utah residents), the *Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research*, and/or the *National Conference on Undergraduate Research*. The deadlines for submission can be found on their website:

(<http://rgs.usu.edu/studentresearch/htm/ur-opportunities/present-your-research/utah-research-on-capitol-hill>). Or talk with your faculty advisor about other opportunities.

5. Are there opportunities for me to publish my research?

Utah State is home to *Discover, the Undergraduate Research Journal*. The journal is peer reviewed and accepts research manuscripts written by USU undergraduates. Submission are accepted throughout the year. For more information see their website: (<http://digitalcommons.usu.edu/urj/>). Or talk with your faculty advisor about other opportunities.