



TIPS FOR TRANSFERS

CONNECTING WITH RESEARCH AT UCSD

Look into UCSD Research Programs



- **Why?** Research programs can provide payment stipend, have a cohort of students to lean into, opportunities to receive funding, housing stipends, GRE classes, graduate school application fee-waiver, and more!
- Some research programs will provide faculty mentor(s) while others you will need to connect with faculty and find a mentor for your application- don't fear more on this below!
- Not interested or eligible for a program? No problem- you can do research under almost any faculty

Have questions about a program? Reach out to the coordinator at URH.ucsd.edu or me! tyarov@ucsd.edu

Browse UCSD Faculties' Research

- **Where to look:**
 - Google "your major" + UCSD research
 - Research SubTopics: Some majors focus faculty's topics into smaller subtopics- explore a variety of them
 - Search by research topic at this [website](#)
- Things to look for:
 - Look at the general makeup of their team/ lab- are there undergraduate students? Some faculty tend to take more grad and postdoc students
 - Look for a "contact us" or "join us" tab- sometimes they have an application or give directions for reaching out so **be sure to check so you are not leaving anything out in your email**



HOT TIP Look at majors/ departments parallel to your's or things similar to your study that you are interested in

Research Your Top 3-5 Faculty



- Identify 3-5 professors whose research you are most interested in
- Read about their current research projects that you would be supporting with
 - think about what skills- from classes, jobs, any other experiences that you have had that can tie into this
- Skim a couple of their research publications from the faculty's website to get an understanding of their previous works
 - read the abstract and the conclusions and look up any words you do not know

It can be helpful to make an excel sheet or table to collect info about professors as you read about and stay organized

Write Your Email Template

- Make yourself a template with places to plug-in the relevant info for each professor- use [this website](#) for support
- **My recommended outline:**
- **Paragraph 1:** Intro to you: your name, major, future aspirations- how to these connect with the research
 - **If you are applying for a program-** link to its webpage and mention its benefits
- **Paragraph 2:** Appeal to the researcher- why their lab- what is interesting or what experience do you have that relates to their study? **Tie in the readings from your work**
- **Paragraph 3/ extension of paragraph 2:** your ask- be specific- "Is there a time in the coming weeks that I could meet in-person or over Zoom"



All done?- feel free to send your template as a Google Doc to tyarov@ucsd.edu to get edits and feedback!