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Advice for High School Students (and Their Parents) Looking for Research Opportunities

SOURCE does not have formal research programs for high school students. We hope you find the information below helpful as you seek research experience around Case Western Reserve University (CWRU).

- 1) Take time and read about the breadth of research taking place across campus. Identify faculty whose work interest you. Faculty research profiles can be found at:
<https://case.edu/source/start-your-research/faculty-profiles>

Be sure and look in the departments within the College of Arts and Sciences, Case School of Engineering, and the Basic Science Departments (especially) at the School of Medicine.

- 2) Email faculty in whose work you have interest. In this email, you may want to include the following:

Dear Professor X,

I am a high school (senior, junior, etc) and I am interested in getting involved in research. I read your research profile and see that your work involves XXX. I would like to learn more by being part of your lab. I can volunteer x hours per week during (the summer, school year, etc).

During high school, I have taken the following math and science classes:
Xxxx

I ask you to email me and let me know when we can discuss more about my working with you.

Sincerely,
Your Name

- 3) If you have a resume, attach it to the email.

- 4) Students typically email several faculty members individually but at the same time. Some faculty respond, but some do not. You cannot take this personally. Faculty may be very busy and simply miss your email, or intend to get back to it, and don't. You don't want to email only one person and wait a very long time for a reply and then have to email someone else.

It is okay to get more than one person interested in having you be part. Talk to each person who is interested in having you in the lab. Then choose the best fit for you. THEN (and this is very important), email the ones you do not choose, thank them for the opportunity, and inform them that you have selected another project that is a better fit for you at this time.

If you need additional assistance, please email Sheila Pedigo (Sheila.pedigo@case.edu), Director of SOURCE and request a phone appointment.

An additional campus resource is the Gelfand STEM Center at Case Western Reserve University: <http://gelfand.case.edu/>