

Did you know more than 700 students and faculty members participated in the two 2015 – 2016 Research Days? Make a plan to join their ranks!

Reasons to participate in research during your time as an undergraduate or graduate WCU student:

- Connect with faculty
- Learn to write proposals to obtain funding through grants and fellowships
- Find scholarships, internships, and other opportunities
- Practice networking
- Receive academic credit for class or degree requirements
- Become a leader in your field
- Present at an academic conferences
- Publish your work
- Enhance research skills and have increased eligibility and readiness for graduate school
- Gain a competitive edge in the job market
- Participate in the Summer Undergraduate Research Institute

Skills you can learn from research that employers and graduate schools actively seek:

- Leadership
- Critical thinking
- Problem solving
- Communication (oral and written)
- Innovation
- Initiative
- Ability to work in a team

(Source: National Association of Colleges and Employers, Job Outlook 2016)

Contact the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) for more information.

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Completing research is **NOT** limited to a certain field, to juniors and seniors, or to graduate students. The possibilities for research are limitless! Though you may not know it, professors in the humanities and social sciences have supported undergraduate research for years. Students often connect directly with faculty members when they have idea they would like to research. There are also many interdisciplinary projects that transcend departments.

Below you will find example resume documentation from many disciplines, including Human Services and Education; Science, Technology, Mathematics and Research; Accounting, Banking, Finance and Insurance; and Healthcare and Wellness. When depicting your experience on your resume, be sure to include items such as department, location, title(s), date(s), and descriptions of your accomplishments as appropriate.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

Department of Psychology, West Chester University

Research Assistant, September-December 2015

- Performed outreach to local families within the community
- Distributed surveys to children to assess daily lifestyle habits
- Entered and summarized data using SPSS

PRESENTATIONS

- Recruiting Organization Members through Social Media. Presented to over 75 student leaders at WCU Leadership Conference, March 2015.
- Human Behavior in the Social Environment. Collaborated with five students to present topic in class and write research paper for seminar course.

PRESENTATIONS

- StrengthsFinders Workshop, "Leveraging Your Strengths for Success" April 2016
- WCU Multicultural Leadership Conference, "I'm on LinkedIn...Now What?" October 2015
- Research Day poster, "Improving Undergraduate Academic Success" March 2015

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Microbial Genetics Research, Dr. Xin Fan - West Chester University

January-May 2016

- Worked on the transfer of LacZ operon from E. coli into H. influenzae by using various DNA tests and techniques.

PUBLICATION

- Co-authored and published journal article with professor: Samuel Harrington and David Cooper. Tax Season Annual Provisions. Journal of Accountancy, 4(1) 12-16 (2012).

Research

- Completed a study (based on simulated data) investigating counseling professionals' attitudes toward male and female clients with AIDS.
- Designed and conducted an experiment investigating the influence of self-esteem on discriminatory behavior and agreement with unpopular social opinions.
- Interviewed children and their mothers in Head Start programs to assess maternal disciplinary styles and their relation to children's social cognitions and peer competence.