Independent research opportunities for WashU BME students

1. Start by reviewing the six research areas related to BME at our website
   • [https://bme.wustl.edu/research/areas/Pages/default.aspx](https://bme.wustl.edu/research/areas/Pages/default.aspx)
   • Core faculty are listed by research area
   • Affiliate faculty (> 95 faculty, safe to assume they have supervised BME students in independent study and will have projects open if they maintain their listing here)

2. Also consult the Office of Undergraduate Research and search for Opportunities
   • [https://undergradresearch.wustl.edu/opportunities](https://undergradresearch.wustl.edu/opportunities)

3. Next, prepare a 1-page resume focusing on your experiences since matriculating as a freshman (turn over)

4. Prepare a 3 sentence email to each professor with whom you’d like to pursue research

5. Provide a greeting (Dear xx) and introduce yourself by including your major and your standing (e.g., junior)

6. Your next sentence should include your purpose in reaching out – are you seeking a paid work position, a 1, 2 or 3-credit independent study, are you eligible for work/study, and indicate what period of time you are offering (1 semester, summer)? Typically, it does not work to say that you want to learn more about their research and request a meeting

7. Your next sentence should indicate that you are attaching a resume and provide your preferred mode of contact.

8. If you have had prior research experience of relevance to the laboratory, you can include an additional sentence summarizing that work period.