

# WANT TO VOLUNTEER

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# RESEARCH LAB?



# 1

## DO YOUR RESEARCH

Check out the 'People' or 'Faculty & Staff' sections of the department website and look at the research interests for professors, instructors, cross-appointed, and adjunct faculty members.



# 2

## MAKE CONTACT.

Send faculty members you're interested in working with a professional, well-written email detailing why you're interested in their research, or drop in to see them at their office hours. Be sure to come prepared with a CV and transcript.



# 3

## DON'T GET DISCOURAGED

If you don't get a response immediately, be patient. Professors receive a huge volume of emails every day. If you're told that there aren't any opportunities for you, try to move on and explore other labs.



# 4

## BE PROFESSIONAL

Show up on time, be prepared, ask questions, and take your job seriously. Taking on volunteers requires an investment from those teaching you.



# REMEMBER

Volunteering allows you to build up valuable experience and skill in experimental design and what it's like to work in a real research environment. Volunteering also allows you to build strong connections that will expose you to new opportunities and aid you in your academic career. Volunteer positions can lead to independent projects, honours projects, or paid jobs.