

## Incorporating Research Project Experience on Your Resume

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Employers are very interested in learning about class projects and undergraduate research. On your resume, discuss the project, your involvement and outcomes to impress the employer about your research experience.

Below are examples of how you can incorporate your Research Project Experience into your resume.

### Heading Examples:

For students or graduates who have spent a great deal of their academic career working on research for a professor or multiple professors, a separate section dedicated to your research experience would be beneficial.

#### Ex. 1: Research Experience

#### Ex. 2: Research Publications

#### Ex. 3: Research Presentations

### How to Describe your Research:

Provide the employer details about your role in the research project. Describe the research itself and results from the research. Specify the nature of the research, for example, if you collected data or conducted experiments. Remember to share if the research was published or other accomplishments.

Begin your description with **strong verbs/phrases** such as these below:

- Designed
- Developed
- Identified
- Implemented
- Predicted
- Created theories and ideas
- Identified problems
- Problems imagined
- Alternatives
- Identified resources
- Gathered
- Set goals
- Extracted information
- Created spreadsheets
- Created databases
- Developed evaluations
- Calculated results
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### Examples of Formatting Research Project Experiences:

**The Senior Project, University Honors Program, California State University, San Bernardino, May 2012-Sept. 2013**

- Constructed Qualtrics survey of non-traditional students' needs.
- Interpreted and analyzed quantitative and qualitative results
- Expressed results and findings in the form of a research paper, public performance, lab experiment, computer program, work of art, and four 5-page summative papers to coincide my research.

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**Undergraduate Research Assistant**, Department of Biology, CSUSB

Sept. 2013-Dec. 2013

- Maintained mutant worm populations, grew plasmid-containing E. coli to feed worms, screened worms for phenotypes using microscopy and fluorescence microscopy, updated RNAi database on findings
- Wrote grant applications and twice awarded funding for research through the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP)

**Undergraduate Researcher**, McNair Scholars Program, CSUSB

Summer

2014

- Review, summarize, and analyze interview cases to identify common themes related to the Good Parenting Project and Teen Pregnancy Project within San Bernardino County
- Document data using "IBM SPSS" Statistics Desktop from completed participant surveys