

1. Find a faculty member in your area of interest who is willing to meet with you for 15-30 minutes for a discussion about undergraduate research.
2. Use the questions below to guide your discussion – but do not feel restricted to these questions – nor feel like you have to use them all. Ask other questions that are of particular interest to you.
3. After you are done, write up a brief (front of one page) summary of your discussion. Include the faculty member's name and the date that you met. What did you learn? Are there opportunities that you are interested in pursuing further? What do you think about the possibility of doing research during your undergraduate career? What excites you about the possibility? What makes you apprehensive about the possibility?
4. Turn in your summary to Nancy Carpenter, Sci 2085 (or campus mail).

QUESTIONS TO GUIDE YOUR DISCUSSION:

- What do you (the faculty member) think about undergraduate research? Is it important for students to do and, if so, why? What are the rewards and challenges?
- How might undergraduate research help prepare me for my professional development beyond UMM?
- What kind of research projects do you carry out with undergraduates?
- What are the qualities of a good researcher?
- How could I go about finding out more about undergraduate research opportunities in my field? What kinds of opportunities exist at UMM?
- What opportunities exist for presenting the results of my research?
- What courses and/or experiences will help prepare me for undergraduate research?