

## Realistic expectations of an undergraduate researcher

- Be prepared for meetings
- Be realistic and communicative about your time commitment to lab work
- Submit documents (abstract, thesis etc) at least a week in advance for feedback
- Be proactive and communicate training needs
- Advise your supervisor of problems as they arise
- Be a good lab citizen
  - Keep track of work using lab notebook
  - All tubes and boxes must be labeled
  - Do not take reagents from someone else's box without asking
  - Ask before using new reagent or equipment
  - Clean up

## Realistic expectations of supervisor

- Assist you in research
- Provide timely feedback over email on scheduling or on documents
- Be realistic and communicative about my time commitment to your training
- Meet on a regular basis
- Work with you to create a realistic research-timeline
- Ensure your research activities fit your long term career goals
- Provide clear training on how to conduct experiments and be a good lab citizen
- Show honesty and respect

## Unrealistic expectations of an undergraduate researcher

- Chose a research topic and learn experiments alone
- Write deliverables without feedback
- Work hours that negatively impact your course work
- Know all the answers

## Unrealistic expectations of supervisor

- Chase you for deliverables
- Be available at all hours
- Write or do whole experiments for you
- Be your counsellor/friend

Additional UC Davis resources for undergraduate researchers:  
<http://www.ucdavis.edu/research/undergraduate/>

Funding opportunities for undergraduate researchers (PUF, travel, and CAMP)  
<http://urc.ucdavis.edu/students/funding.html>