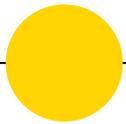


How to Publish as An Undergraduate



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● Publications

- *Explorations: The UC Davis Undergraduate Research Journal*
- *Prized Writing*
- *UC Davis Health Student Review*

● Prepare to Submit

❖ Explore the publication websites

- *Explorations* <http://explorations.ucdavis.edu/>
- *Health Student Review* <https://myhs.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/web/uc-davis-health-student-review/home>
- *Prized Writing* <http://prizedwriting.ucdavis.edu/>

● Prepare to Submit

- ❖ Develop a topic *or* choose a paper.



How do I start from scratch?

- ❖ Find a faculty sponsor
- ❖ Identify a topic
- ❖ Set goals and establish a timeline
- ❖ Write a proposal



Find a faculty sponsor

- ❖ From a class
- ❖ From an internship



Identify a topic

- ❖ From a class
- ❖ From a lab
- ❖ From an internship
- ❖ From a book or article



Set goals & establish a schedule

- ❖ Work with your faculty sponsor to create a calendar
- ❖ Set research & writing benchmarks and deadlines
 - ❖ Include time to revise & edit
- ❖ Work with a peer or small group

● **How do I start from scratch?**

- ❖ Write a proposal
- ❖ Conduct research
- ❖ Draft your article

● **Write a proposal**

1-3 pages:

- ❖ What's the topic? (broad, general)
- ❖ What is your research question?
- ❖ What's the thesis? (specific)
- ❖ What are the subtopics you will cover?



Conduct research

- ❖ Explore the literature. What has already been written on this topic?
- ❖ Take notes; create an annotated bibliography.
- ❖ Find or refine your angle on the topic.

 **Draft your article**

- ❖ Work in sections; don't be afraid to write out of order.
- ❖ Write often and for “low stakes.”
- ❖ Ask for feedback on schedule (from sponsor or peers).



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How do I work with an existing paper?

- ❖ Reverse engineer a proposal (1-3 pages).
- ❖ Revise your original paper (global changes).
- ❖ Conduct additional research.
- ❖ Re-draft your paper.



Reverse engineer a proposal

- ❖ 1-3 pages

- What's the topic (broad, general).
- What is your research question?
- What's the thesis? (specific)
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● **Revise your original paper**

- ❖ Cut down a long paper.
- ❖ Re-order sections or paragraphs to make the paper more compelling.
- ❖ Identify areas to expand or develop.



Conduct additional research

- ❖ Explore the literature. What has been written on this topic that you didn't take into consideration in your last draft?
- ❖ What can you add to your paper to make it more compelling or persuasive?
- ❖ How can you refine your angle?

● **Edit your paper**

Editing is not the same thing as revising.

- ❖ Revising = global changes
- ❖ Editing = local changes

● **Editing Areas**

- ❖ Improve paragraph clarity and concision
- ❖ Make paragraphs flow logically (cohesion)
- ❖ Improve sentence clarity and concision
- ❖ Make sentences flow logically (cohesion)
- ❖ Vary sentence length and complexity
- ❖ Correct grammar and usage