

Highlighting Research on Your Resume

Research experience is a valued activity in the educational experience and should be showcased on the résumé. This experience should be treated like any other experience, whether paid or unpaid, as it provides a snapshot of skills and knowledge that you have gained. Research can be listed under the “Experience” section if not paid, “Work Experience” if paid, or “Research and Publications” if the project was published or presented. If listing research in its own section, list the projects based on importance rather than reverse chronological order. Below are options for highlighting research on a résumé.

EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

August 2013 - Present

Department of Psychology, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS

- Interact with human subjects in a professional manner
- Serve as an experimenter and a confederate in multiple experiments
- Collect data and organize results using SPSS

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of California, Los Angeles

Los Angeles, CA

Undergraduate Research Assistant; Advisor: Young X. Shen

2011 – Present

- Developmental regulation of NMDA receptor-mediated synaptic transmission in zebra finch
- Develop single cell PCR method to study developmental changes in NMDA receptors, correlated with developmental stages of song learning.
- Analyze developmental changes in juvenile song using customized LabView software.
- Alter development of song with behavioral and circadian manipulations.

University of North Carolina at Asheville

Uganda (Study Abroad)

Undergraduate Research Assistant; Advisor: Bill Weathersby

Spring 2013

- Received a scholarship from the Economics department to travel to Uganda for nine days to gain knowledge of economic, social, and political factors hindering Uganda from growth and development
- Utilized econometric models and Microsoft Excel to evaluate factors causing interference

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Animal Behavior Project

Jan.2011 – May 2011

Ecology, Evolution and Behavior Department, College of Biological Sciences, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

- Gathered and manipulated behavioral data to find trends in adolescent male chimpanzee grooming patterns
- Reported findings to professor through written report and presentation

PRESENTATIONS

Cooke, J., **Stanza, R.**, & Conrad, J. (2011, January). Establishing a connection between career services and first-generation college students. Program presented at the annual meeting of the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), Las Vegas, NV.

PUBLICATIONS

Hanna, A., & Whitlock, M. (2008). Away from the margins: Peer counselors and students of color. *Perspectives in Peer Programs*, 21(1), 21-26.