Research Workshop
Useful Tips and Resources to Help You Apply!
What does a research assistant do?

- Run participants, collect data
- Enter data, help with analysis
- Edit and write papers
- Discuss future experiment ideas
- Work on personal project
- About 10 - 15 hours per week
Why be an RA?

✦ REQUIREMENT: two quarters of PSYC 194
  ✦ 194A - Developmental
  ✦ 194B - Cognitive
  ✦ 194C - Social
✦ Great preparation for graduate school
✦ See if research is right for you
Steps to Take

✦ Choose a few labs you’re interested in
  ✦ Check online: http://psychology.ucsc.edu/undergraduate/undergrad-opportunities/194-openings.html
  ✦ Find professors whose classes you’ve enjoyed

✦ Contact professor or grad student (email, in-person, office hours)
  ✦ Read up on research, check out lab websites
  ✦ They may ask for unofficial transcript/writing sample
  ✦ Discuss classes taken, research interests
  ✦ Present yourself as a strong candidate*

✦ Remember - you are NOT guaranteed a spot!
  ✦ If you don’t get one quarter, try again

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Tips

✧ Get emails and writing samples proofread
✧ Send several applications, keep options open
✧ Try to make good first impression*
✧ Show an interest in lab’s work
✧ Ask friends in labs to put in a good word!
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Resources

✦ Career Center
  ✦ Interview workshops
  ✦ Resume & Cover Letter Workshop
    ✦ Fri. May 30, 2:30 - 4:0 PM
    ✦ Cervantes and Velasquez Room, 3rd floor of Bay Tree Building
  ✦ Drop-in writing tutoring
    ✦ Monday - Thursday, 3 - 6PM at ARCenter 216
  ✦ TAs - friendly and helpful!
Questions?