

Here's an example of an email when a student is interested in learning about research in a particular area, and is open to opportunities more broadly

Subject Title: Student interested in learning about your research

Hello Professor _____,

My name is _____ and I am currently a **[insert class standing, major]**. After some reflection on the steps I could take to explore Child Development as my field of study, research is an area of work that I have some interest in. I wanted to reach out to you because I saw that **[research topic (e.g., social-emotional development)]** is your research area, and I am interested in gaining research experience in this area.

I am curious about how people decide to pursue research and opportunities that are available to students. I have some questions about your career path and the ways that I could get involved with research here at SJSU. If you have some availability this week or the following week, I would love the opportunity to meet with you. I am mostly free on **[days, times]** but please let me know what works best for you!

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best,

Here's an example of an email where a student is explicitly interested in gaining research experience with a particular professor.

Hello,

My name is ____ and I am currently a **[insert class standing, major]**. After some reflection on the steps I could take to explore Child Development as my field of study, research is an area of work that I have interest in. I wanted to reach out to you, because I saw that **[research topic (e.g., social-emotional development)]** is your research area. I am looking for hands-on experience as a research assistant and I was wondering if you are currently accepting students to help conduct research.

I have experience as a **[insert any relevant work experience]**, and have taken classes on this topic **[insert class]**.^{*} I've attached my **[resume or CV]** to the email to share with you.^{**}
**This section is helpful just to provide some context of your background. If you're still early in the work experience or have not taken classes yet, don't worry! Many professors are open to working with students at different levels. They understand you are new to the process.*

***If you don't have a relevant resume or CV to share, it's okay to exclude this part.*

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