

What Else Is Available If I Don't Get the Opportunity I Want?

If you aren't successful in obtaining an ROP, a Work Study position or other on campus opportunities, here are some alternatives:

ROP Alternatives: these suggestions can help you obtain research skills and knowledge

1. **Work Study:** this program offers summer positions and fall/winter positions in different university departments. Duties and qualifications vary. All positions are listed on the CLNx; for timelines and eligibility requirements, consult this [page](#)
2. **Volunteering with a professor:** some professors accept volunteers to assist with research; review the "[How to Approach Professors](#)" tipsheet for information on how to connect with professors.
3. **[UTM Abroad Academic Experiences:](#)** UTM Abroad allows you to take a UTM course during your regular semester and travel to a location pertinent to your studies during the study breaks. Travel with your professor and classmates to deepen your learning through first-hand experience.
4. **[Co-curricular Record \(CCR\)](#)** opportunities: The CCR lists on-campus co-curricular programs and opportunities to develop skills. Using the search function you search for Research related activities available on all three campuses.
5. **Volunteering, other opportunities:** the [CLNx](#) lists on and off campus volunteer positions and any off campus paid positions, including research opportunities
6. **[PART program](#), Robert Gillespie Academic Skills Centre:** provides training for research opportunities
7. **[Social Innovation Projects:](#)** Over 16 weeks you will work alongside Not-for-profit organizations to research and find achievable solutions to a challenge or problem the organizations is facing, which is then presented to the Board of Directors for funding approval.
8. **Independent Research:** This is a research course that can be arranged with a faculty member. The course is intensive, but can be a great alternative to an ROP project.
9. **[Summer Undergraduate Research Program:](#)** The Institute for Medical Sciences SURP offers this program on an annual basis.

Work Study Alternatives: these opportunities can help you build skills

1. **Volunteer opportunities and paid work on campus:** check the [On Campus Opportunities](#) information
2. **Co-Curricular Activities:** recognized on the Co-Curricular Record these activities are designed to develop skills and competencies that will help you build your resume.
3. **Join a UTM recognized [Club or Group](#)**
4. **Part-time and Summer jobs:** see current opportunities on the [CLNx](#)
5. **Job Search:** the [Career Centre](#) can help you find more opportunities, as many jobs never get advertised; come by DV3094 and speak with our staff

Resources to help you find opportunities:

[CLNx](#) – the CLNx is a university wide database where you can look for volunteer opportunities, on and off campus employment, experiential learning opportunities and mentorship programs. (FELICITY FEEL FREE TO EDIT THIS)

[Co-curricular Record \(CCR\)](#) – located on the CLNx, the CCR is a resource to locate co-curricular skill building opportunities across all three campuses.

[UTM Engage app](#) – a mobile app that contains all on campus opportunities in real time from faculties, student services and clubs and groups.

[ULife](#) – this database contains every club and group recognized by UofT at all three campuses. Find a groups that matches your interests and join today.

[Learning Abroad](#) – see the world by participating in an international exchange. Take courses, engage in research or do an internship abroad, all while earning credits towards your degree.