

CPH 395: FAQ for Faculty

What is CPH 395?

CPH 395 provides undergraduate students with research experiences and provides faculty with research assistance.

What do students do for CPH 395 credit?

Students assist with literature reviews, survey administration and interviews, analysis of existing data sets, analysis of interview transcripts, conference presentation and preparation, and manuscript preparation. In some cases, students work closely with a faculty member; in other cases, students assist a graduate student on a research project.

What is the time commitment for faculty?

The time commitment for faculty depends on the project and whether students work directly with a faculty member, work with a graduate student on a faculty member's project, or work independently.

What is the time commitment for students?

Students in the program work 50 to 150 hours a semester. The amount of time depends on the project. A student taking CPH 395 for 3 credits would work 150 hours over the course of a semester – approximately 9 hours per week.

Will this student produce good work?

Participation in CPH 395 is competitive: In general, our best undergraduate students complete CPH 395. Before deciding to work with a particular student, you will review their application (including resume, transcript, and academic writing sample) and interview them.

What if I am unsure about working with undergraduates?

Undergraduates are great and can be an asset to a research project. However, they do not work for every project. I am happy to meet and help you figure out if and how you could involve undergraduates in your research. Send me an email to get started (sarah.vos@uky.edu).

Can students work on IRB studies?

Yes. As part of the application process, students now complete three CITI trainings. These include: Introduction to Public Health Research, Human Subjects Protection, and Ethical Conduct of Research. This means that students will have the certification to work on IRB-approved studies.

What do I need to do when?

Please fill out the survey I sent by email. Later this semester, I will contact you with the name and application of a student who shares your research interests. You will then meet with the student to decide if you are interested in working with the student. Once both you and the student have agreed to work together, you will create a plan of study using the CPH 395 prospectus form. The student will submit a signed copy of the form to the Undergraduate Research Coordinator (currently me, Dr. Sarah Vos) and their CITI training certificates. Then you are ready to get started, and students will be enrolled in the class.

How do I get started?

If you want to work with one or more students, please fill out the survey, using the link I sent by email. In the coming weeks, I will match you with student(s) who have the needed skills and interests.