



Medical Student

MEMBER COMMUNITY

Finding Research Opportunities

Contributing to the knowledge base of cardiovascular medicine through novel research is a key expectation of cardiologists. Cardiology Interest Groups (CARDIGs) can encourage this habit while in medical school by helping members find research opportunities at your home institutions.

Below are some suggestions to help facilitate research among your CARDIG members.

- Connect with you Faculty Advisor**

Not only may your Faculty Advisor have their own research projects that you may be able to help with, but they may be able to connect you with other researchers at your institution.

- Reach out to your local ACC Chapter**

Your local ACC Chapter is made of cardiologists that are already actively engaged in the ACC community. By reaching out to your local ACC Chapter, you and your members may be able to find research opportunities outside of your home institution.

- Host a CARDIG research fair**

Some of your CARDIG members may already be engaged in cardiology research. Leverage their involvement by hosting a mini research fair among your CARDIG members. Allow them an opportunity to present their work and introduce your members to some of the research already ongoing at your institution. As a bonus, invite the primary investigators of these projects to the presentation for some easy networking!

- Search engines, institution websites, and PubMed/OVID/etc.**

When in doubt, utilizing online search engines and your home institutions websites may be fruitful in finding current and ongoing local research opportunities and clinical trials. Reaching out to the primary investigators of these research projects may provide further opportunities for you and your fellow CARDIG members.