**Introductory Psychology Research Exposure Requirement**

Research provides the foundation of much of what psychologists know about behavior. Therefore, the Psychology Department requires all students taking Introductory Psychology at TU’s main campus to gain some first-hand exposure to research. This provides a unique and often interesting opportunity for you to participate in ongoing research. In addition to helping you learn about research in psychology, your participation in these activities will benefit student and faculty researchers who are completing scholarly research.

Please note that most research studies require participants to be at least 18 years old. In case you do not qualify for a study or would prefer a different way to fulfill the research exposure requirement, we offer two alternatives. Specifically, you can complete research reports and/or attend and report on research presentations. The research report option is always available; research presentations are only occasionally available.

All policies and procedures for the TU Research Pool are posted on the Psychology Department website at: [http://www.towson.edu/researchpool/](http://www.towson.edu/researchpool/). The policies are summarized briefly below:

All students in Introductory Psychology (PSYC 101 or PSYC 102) at Towson University must accumulate 6 research pool credits during the semester.

Regardless of instructor, this requirement will count for 6% of the final grade in PSYC 101/102.

The 6 research pool credits may be obtained by completing any combination of the following activities:

1. Participating in psychology studies: You will earn 1 credit for each 30 minutes of participation.
2. Completing research reports according to the guidelines specified on our research participation website. You will earn 3 credits for satisfactory completion of each research report.
3. Attending and summarizing approved research presentations or colloquia. You will earn 2 credits for attending a presentation and 1 credit for satisfactory completion of a colloquium report as specified on our research participation website.

**All credits must be earned by the last day of classes for the semester. No credits can be earned during the final exam period.**

Each of the credit opportunities will be posted on [http://researchpool.towson.edu](http://researchpool.towson.edu) Participation opportunities vary throughout the semester, so please check early and often. You will first need to create a Research Pool account. To do so, please go to the website listed above and click on “Request account”. **All students must create an account by the end of the 3rd week of classes.**

Once you create an account, you will have the opportunity to complete an online prescreen survey for 0.5 research pool credits.

If you have questions about the research exposure requirement, please ask your course instructor.

If you need help using the Research Pool website, please email the Professor who is currently coordinating the Research Pool at researchadmin@towson.edu.

*All research studies posted on the Psychology Research Pool site have been approved by the Institutional Review Board at Towson University. Furthermore, the researchers have all received training in ethical treatment of research participants.*