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Research allows a person to experience the process of discovery, and ultimately provides them with the moment of discovery.

The motivation to take on a research project stemmed from Myu’s own interest in taking part in solving a research question.

Myu learned that he had to keep an open mind while working on his research. The project did not always go as planned, but even failed experiments lead him to new discoveries in other areas of the project. He advises future URSP students to keep an unbiased approach to research process, and not to hesitate to try new methods.

Doing research has provided me with the tools and the exposure to many avenues that pertain to my own field where I can invest my acquired knowledge.
While conducting interviews, Krystal learned that her research subjects had similar struggles with identity despite the differences in their backgrounds. This proved to her that identity conflict does not necessarily correlate to your upbringing. Krystal appreciated that she could use her mentor as a resource during the evolution of her project, while still remaining independent. Krystal continues to work on her project in her senior year and hopes to find a way to build on her experiences throughout her academic career.

Krystal realized that research isn’t just for lab scientists; it is for anyone who is passionate about learning beyond the textbook.