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Finding RA Positions

1. Tell your professors you're looking for one – they may have contacts or see postings for jobs that they can forward to you.

2. Go to your school's career development office website/recruiting database. Even if a posting is old or has expired, consider contacting the person who posted it, to see if they currently have openings or if they know of anyone who might.

3. Do a PsycInfo search on (a) topics that interest you and/or (b) schools in areas in which you could/want to live (as author affiliation (the "AF" field)). Email those authors (might want to start with, "I read your article *Title* with interest…").

4. Email faculty of universities in your geographic area(s) – either faculty who are doing research that interests you, or chairs of departments. Depending on what your interests are, you may well want to look at psychology departments *and* psychiatry departments (and possibly others).

5. Look on NIH RePORT – you can search by projects, organization, and/or city (or other fields you think might be useful). Projects should show you who has grants (and their start-and-end dates) – these folks may be more likely to hire (paid) RAs.

6. Check back with your professors regularly – email once every few weeks or so with updates – either to let us know you've found something, or to let us know you're still looking.

Bottom line: send out LOTS of emails. Most people will not write back. But some will, and if they themselves don't have positions, they might know of someone who does.