



10 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

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POETRY AS JOURNAL:

VIRGINIA ADAIR'S LIFE/WRITING



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#1 – WORK SIDE-BY-SIDE WITH A PROFESSOR

Why did you come back to college, if not to learn from those who are experts in their fields?



Be an aggressive consumer of your education!

#2 – FIND YOUR PASSION / CONFRONT A FEAR

You've got an opportunity to learn something new, to try something completely different – and it could scare the heck out of you... **OR**

... you might find a new passion!

there's no such thing as "failure" in research!

#3 – STEP OUTSIDE YOUR COMFORT ZONE

What don't you know about, but would like to?

Is there an area in your life you wish was better?

For me it was spelling!

YES... SPELLING!

#4 – STOP MAKING EXCUSES



Part of the reason we are nontraditional students is because we're: **older**, **busier**, more **tired**, more **stressed**, more **obligated** to other activities than our traditional classmates...

... however, even after your degree...!

#5 – THINKING OF GRADUATE SCHOOL

Graduate school is training in research, so in order to get into a good graduate school...

... well, you know the rest!



#6 – LEARN HOW TO “LEARN” AGAIN

Remember when you were a kid and you discovered something amazing...

...or do you remember that look in your child/grandchild's eyes?

URG allow you to experience that for yourself!

#7 – EXPLORE YOU

Being a nontraditional student allows us to explore talents that we may not have known we possessed



#8 – YOU HAVE MORE TIME THAN YOU THINK

Remember Parkinson's Law:

"work expands so as to fill the time available for
its completion"

Want to get your homework done faster?
... do research!

#9 – MEET OTHER RESEARCHERS

Once you introduce yourself, and publicly declare that you are conducting research, people treat you differently!



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FINALLY - #10

Recall the wise words of Christopher Robin to Pooh...

*“you are braver than you believe,
stronger than you seem,
and smarter than you think.”*

If I can do this... I can do anything!



Take full advantage of your education
and
conduct undergraduate research!

Thank you!