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I built a structure that could help cut buildings’ energy use.

I designed an original experiment in the lab.

I discovered a mathematical way to simulate ancient frescoes.

Undergraduate Research at Princeton

Start with curiosity. Study what you love. Make something happen. The process of learning is for you to explore. It will result in something new. Eamon Foley created an original dance-theater piece, “Hero,” as his senior thesis. Foley wrote, directed and choreographed the show performed on campus.

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Explore All Princeton students complete a substantial research paper or project as a senior.

Imagine You have a complex topic in philosophy you want to explore. Your roommate is delving into innovative research in molecular biology. A friend majoring in economics wants to try a new approach to a long-standing problem. What are you all doing? Research. Even more than that, research into your senior thesis, where an afternoon with friends at "senior thesis boot camp" is a shared experience in each of your academic journeys.

What will you discover? Independent work means the chance for you to pursue original research and scholarship under the mentorship of a faculty member. Our academic program will help you grow as a scholar. What will you create?

I was inspired while reflecting on campus.
I brainstormed ideas for my thesis with friends.
My adviser helped me develop an original research topic.

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Passionate about programming and cryptography, computer science major Katherine Ye is also a member of a faculty research group, co-author of a scientific paper and a conference presenter.

Comparative literature major Abidjan Walker's studies in China, Morocco and Switzerland inspired her senior thesis on educational systems and language.