

## **Furman's Best Practices for Engaged Learning (or High-Impact Experience Inventory)**

### **Time:**

- Experience should be of substantive duration (35-40 hours/week for minimum of 8 weeks).

### **Preparation:**

- Learning objectives have been determined and the supervisor/mentor has identified how the student will be oriented and trained to ensure those objectives are known, understood and met over the duration of the internship.

### **Relationships:**

- As part of the experience, students will have the opportunity to build substantive (ongoing, meaningful) relationships with key stakeholders, which may include peers, staff, leadership, clients, faculty, mentors, community members, etc. These opportunities include collaborations on projects, activities or related assignments.

### **Diversity/Differences:**

- The experience will provide exposure to and facilitate student engagement across individuals with different ideas, backgrounds and experiences.

### **Feedback:**

- Students will receive regular and consistent feedback about their performance, opportunities to make changes/adjustments based on the feedback provided.

### **Real-World Application:**

- Students will apply, integrate, and synthesize knowledge in the context of this experience specifically in the form of an assigned project, duties or other activities.

### **Reflection:**

- Students will provide reflections to Furman as well as a final paper addressing both how they applied what they learned in the classroom to the experience, as well as how the experience informed their professional goals and academic endeavors.

### **Presentations:**

- Students will provide feedback to the organization regarding progress towards meeting their learning outcomes (both formal and informal), as well as participate in Furman Engaged, the university's annual event celebrating all students' engaged learning experiences.

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