



THE *FURMAN* *ADVANTAGE*

Engaged Learning for Every Student

RESEARCH ♦ STUDY AWAY ♦ INTERNSHIP

Why Engaged Learning? Students....

- Apply what they learn in the classroom outside of the classroom
- Learn about themselves (their strengths, passions, etc.)
- Obtain skills, build independence and resiliency
- Build their resume, create networks
- Prepare themselves for life after Furman



Why Engaged Learning?

Why do we think this is so important?

- More than 1 internship, more likely students are employed right at graduation
- More than 1 research experience, more likely students attend grad or professional school



“Everyone Is Doing It”

- Class of 2021 engaged learning participation
 - 88% self-reported that they had at least one ELE
 - 66% completed at least one internship
 - 42% conducted undergraduate research
- On average, 59% of students study away
- Learn more about these engaged learning experiences from our students at Furman Engaged 2021
 - <https://app.oxfordabstracts.com/events/1671/secure/program-app/information>

What Do Students Need To Do?

- Speak with their academic advisor and other mentors
- Make an advising appointment with one of the three offices
- Talk with their peers and CEL peer ambassadors about ELEs
- Pay attention to deadlines for experiences and funding, visit our websites
- Apply on time



Internship Office: What services do we offer?

- One-on-one meetings with students to help them identify, apply and compete for internships through:
 - Information interviews
 - Job shadows
 - Resumes & Cover Letters
 - LinkedIn profiles
 - Networking
 - Interviewing Skills



What Internships Are Available?

- Part-time during the academic year in Greenville
 - Usually done for credit
- Full-time in Greenville, nationally and internationally during the summer
 - Typically done between sophomore and junior year and/or junior and senior year
- Furman has cultivated a database of 750+ opportunities through alumni and parents of current and former students
 - We also work with students to create new opportunities



Summer Intern Fellowship Process

- In 2021, Furman funded 226 summer interns from across 20 academic departments with fellowships that provide:
 - **Funding** for low or unpaid full-time (280-320 hours over 8-12 weeks) summer internships or off-campus summer research
 - **Discounted on-campus housing**
 - **0 credit**
- Application deadline is March 31 – students must first secure their internship



Undergraduate Research: Summer Fellows Program

- Each summer, more than 200 students join roughly 100 faculty mentors in full-time, collaborative research projects.
 - Summer 2021: 272 student Research Fellows and 105 faculty mentors.
 - All of those students received a Fellowship to support their work.
- Students, via their faculty mentors, apply for Fellowship funding from The Office of Undergraduate Research--\$3500 for the summer.
- Application deadline is Late February/Early March 2022 (specific day tbd)
- How do students get involved? Talk with prospective faculty mentors, academic advisors, peer ambassadors, or staff in the Office of Undergraduate Research.
- For more information, please see the UR website:
<https://www.furman.edu/undergraduate-research/>

When Can Students Study Away?

Fall and Spring Academic Terms

MayX and sometimes Summer

- First opportunity: MayX following the first year at Furman; Fall or Spring of Sophomore year
- Last opportunity: Fall or Spring of senior year and MayX immediately following graduation

Most students study away during their junior year.

- 59% of Furman students study away at some point

Competitive application process.

- Some priority given to juniors/seniors with no prior Engaged Learning experiences.



Study Away Cost and Scholarships

- Fall/Spring Semester Programs
 - Cost: Furman tuition, average room rate, full meal plan plus a study away fee.
 - Financial Aid and Scholarships are portable.
 - Need-based scholarships – FAFSA required.
- MayX programs
 - 3-week programs during May/early June.
 - \$3000-\$6000
 - Need-based scholarships – FAFSA required.



Study Away Application & Scholarship Deadlines

MayX 2022 Summer Study Away Program and Scholarship Applications

- November 1, 2021

Fall 2022 & Spring 2023 Study Away Program and Scholarship Deadlines

- January 31, 2022

<https://studyaway.furman.edu>

*Typically, MayX and Summer applications are due in late October.



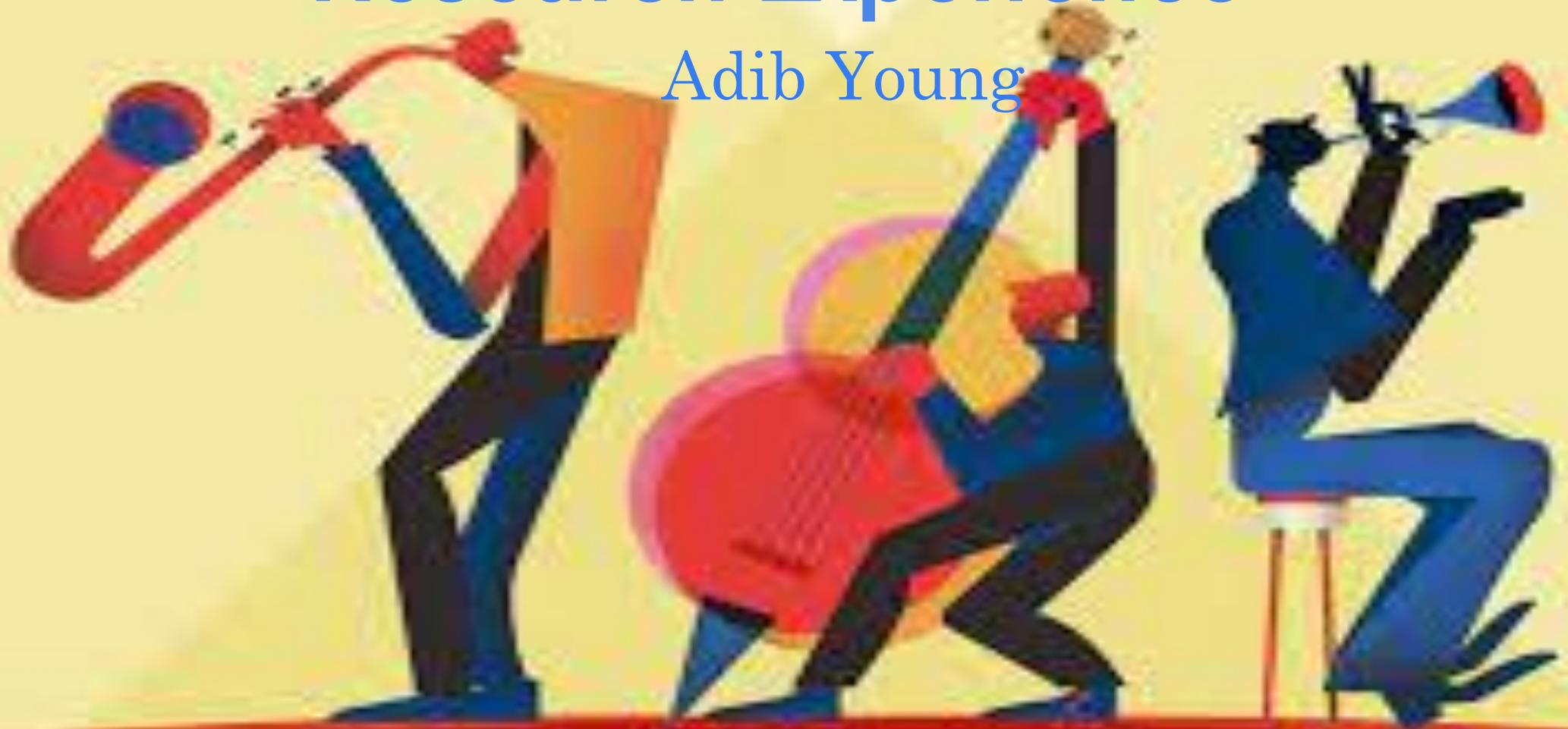
Student Engaged Learning Testimonials – Sat., 9/25

- Oscar Guillen – Asian Studies, May 2022
- Catherine Byrd – English- Writing Track, May 2022
- Adib Young – Music, May 2022



My 2021 Summer Research Experience

Adib Young



Formation of the Project

- The Furman Standard
 - Dr. Olson submitted his proposal for the Furman Standard back in 2020
 - He proposed to record an album with his colleagues, friends, and current student (me)
 - By recording this album with me, he would be accelerating the growth of my career, embodying the essence of...

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- He successfully was awarded the grant and the project was underway.



The Project Experience

This is
Rick



- The Composition Process
 - Met with Dr. Olson on a regular basis
 - Harmony and melody
 - Form of the tunes
 - Orchestration
 - Had multiple drafts of the tunes
- Rehearsals and Gig
 - We rehearsed on two separate occasions
 - We played a gig on June 16 at Chicora Alley
- The Recording Process
 - Drove up to Charlotte, NC on July 6
 - Recorded at Rick's studio from 9 am - 5 pm
 - Had a list of 11 original tunes to record



Photos from the Studio



Personnel



Dr. Matt Olson



Justin Watt



Matt Dingledine and me



Shannon Hoover

Track List for *Open Spaces*

- 1) Ups and Down - Matt Olson
- 2) Redbud - Matt Olson
- 3) Fade to Black - Adib Young
- 4) BobCycle - Shannon Hoover
- 5) Open Spaces - Matt Olson
- 6) Violons d'Ingres - Matt Dingedine
- 7) The Name of the Game - Shannon Hoover
- 8) Gravity and Levity - Matt Dingedine
- 9) Starts in 5 - Matt Dingedine
- 10) Insomnomania - Adib Young



The Future Impact

- *Open Spaces* will be released by OA2 Records (Origin Arts) in January 2022!
 - It will be released under the group name the Matt Olson Quintet
 - Will be available on Spotify, Apple Music, YouTube, etc...
- **Personal Benefits**
 - By having this research and recording experience, I get to establish my reputation as a soloist and composer on the national level and beyond.
 - Enhances my resume for graduate schools
 - Increases my network of musicians and people

Note of Thanks

- Huge thanks to Dr. Olson for including me on this project and for all his dedication in helping to establish me as a successful professional musician. This was truly a memorable experience and a wonderful documentation of the 7 years of hard work spent together. I couldn't be more grateful for you and our relationship!

Thanks for Listening!

Be sure to check out the full album in January when it drops and come out to Dr. Olson's Faculty Recital on January 25, 2022 to hear music from the album live.

Here's a sneak peak of Insomniamania!



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