

2024 Summer Research Fellows Application, STUDENT Questions
[For advising session(s) with your faculty mentor, and for drafting responses in advance]

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These are the questions you will answer on your application for a Summer Research Fellowship through the Office of Undergraduate Research. You will receive your application link in an email after your faculty mentor completes their application and identifies you as a prospective Fellow. We are providing you with these questions in advance expecting that you will have one or more advising sessions with your mentor before you complete your application.

Q1: Please describe, in your own words (i.e. not copied from your faculty mentor) the proposed project in 250 words or less. Make the description comprehensible to a non-expert reader.

For questions 2-6, endeavor to answer them in approximately one substantive paragraph, meaning five or more lines. Answers lacking in substance will result in your application being rejected or sent back for revisions.

Q2: To what extent is the project original? Does it advance new knowledge in the field, or pursue a unique creative expression? Feel free to refer to relevant prior works or studies that your project will build upon to support your response [although you need not adhere to formal citation rules, e.g. MLA or Chicago].

Q3: Please describe the specific duties and responsibilities you will have on this project.

Q4: Will this project allow you to gain 'ownership' over a portion of it, meaning even if you are working as a mentee on a faculty member's research project, is there a contribution or task(s) that will be uniquely yours?

Q5: Please explain your reason for wanting to participate in this project. In the process, explain how this experience relates to your existing academic program and/or your foreseeable plans after graduation.

Q6: Please describe as best as you can, the skills you hope to acquire from this experience. These skills might be discipline specific, but also they might be broader career competencies that transcend disciplines. A list of career competencies can be found [HERE](#).

Q7: As part of participating in this project, you are required to present your findings at Furman Engaged in April 2025 (specific date, tbd)--unless you will be away from campus for Furman-related reasons, e.g. study away. Beyond Furman Engaged, are there any other expected outlets for your work, such as conference presentations, performances, publications, etc.?