

2027 Summer Research Fellowship: Student Application Questions

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Please note: this is not the application. These are the questions you will answer on your application. You will receive an email with a link to the application in Terra Dotta after your faculty mentor completes their application and identifies you as a prospective Fellow.

We provide these questions in advance for advising sessions with your mentor, and so that you may draft your responses if you wish.

THE PROJECT IN YOUR OWN WORDS

Question 1 Describe the proposed project **in your own words** (not copied from your faculty mentor) in 250 words or fewer. Write the description so that a non-expert reader can understand it.

SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSES

For Questions 2 through 6, aim for approximately one substantive paragraph (five or more lines) per question. Answers lacking substance will result in your application being declined or returned for revision.

Question 2 To what extent is the project original? Does it advance new knowledge in the field or pursue a unique creative expression? You may refer to prior works or studies that your project will build upon to support your response; formal citation styles (for example, MLA or Chicago) are not required.

Question 3 Describe the specific duties and responsibilities you will have on this project.

Question 4 Will this project allow you to gain ownership of a portion of the work? Even if you are working as a mentee on a faculty member's research project, is there a contribution or task that will be uniquely yours?

Question 5 Why do you want to participate in this project? In your answer, explain how this experience relates to your current academic program and/or your plans after graduation.

Question 6 Describe, as best you can, the skills you hope to acquire from this experience. These may be discipline-specific skills or broader career competencies that transcend disciplines. See this [list of career competencies](#).

DISSEMINATION AND SCHEDULE

Question 7 As a Fellow, you are required to present your findings at Furman Engaged on April 21, 2028, unless you will be away from campus for a Furman-related reason, such as study away. Beyond Furman Engaged, are there other expected outlets for your work, such as conference presentations, publications, lecture-recitals, exhibitions, or performances that present the results of your research?

Question 8 To the best of your ability at present, describe the timing and duration of this experience. When will it begin and end? What will your work schedule be? How many total hours will this experience involve? Please consult the program guidelines when responding.