Summer Program for Undergraduate Research (SPUR) Orientation

Wednesday, May 23, 2018
Welcome!

• Introductions
  – Name
  – Institution
  – Where are you from?
  – Major
  – Year in school
  – What are you looking forward to this summer?

• Small group icebreaker
OUR Mission

…to facilitate and promote undergraduate student-faculty collaborative research and creative works in all disciplines throughout the University of Utah campus.
Program Expectations - Students

• Spend 35-40 hours per week on research and program-related activities
• Attend required program events (bi-weekly meetings, URES events, grad school mini-expo)
• Submit to OUR Journal
• Present at Summer Symposium
• Complete final report
Attendance Policy

• If you know you will not be able to attend something, tell Megan immediately so alternative arrangements may be made!

• Please be on time to all events.

• Generally, you can miss up to 2 URES events and 1 bi-weekly meeting.

• After three missed events, you’ll need to meet with Megan and pay may be deducted from your stipend if too much time is missed.
Program Expectations - Faculty

• Provide students with hands-on research experience
• Clearly discuss expectations with the student at the beginning of the program
• Be honest and straightforward with the student about their work
• Ensure the student receives proper certification/training
• Support the student in completing all aspects of the program
• Participate in program activities to the extent the mentor’s schedule allows: SPUR Opening Reception, Summer Symposium, SPUR Closing Reception
Contact Information

• SPUR contacts
• OUR contacts
  – Staff
  – Undergraduate Research Leaders
Mentor-Mentee Agreements

- Establish expectations at beginning of experience
- Think of what you hope to get out of the experience
- You do not need to fill out this form, but you can use it as a conversation guide
Program Calendar

• Required events
• Optional events
• Interaction with other programs
  – Chemistry, HCI PathMakers, NARI, Physics & Astronomy
• Put events in your calendar (or however you keep track of these things)
Campus Resources

• Campus map: map.utah.edu
• UTA (public transit)
• Library
• Computer labs
• Union
• Bookstore
• Campus shuttles: http://www.uofubus.com/
Life in Utah

• Outdoor adventures
• Summer activities in SLC
• Things unique to the U
Housing

• Welcome letter
• Take note of contact numbers
• No alcohol is allowed, even if you are 21
Hiring/Payroll

- Stipend information
  - Paid on June 7 & 22, July 6 & 20, August 7
- Payroll direct deposit
- Travel reimbursements direct deposit

https://our.utah.edu/spur/resources/
What’s Next?

• Today: Ucards/tour
• Tomorrow: SPUR Opening Reception
• Various: hiring appointments
• June 6 Bi-Weekly Meeting
  – Prepare "Elevator Sentences"