

# First Year FURF: Faculty Project Submission Form

**Deadline: August 30, 2023 at 5pm**

Virginia Tech faculty from all disciplines are invited to propose a new project or one that is part of their ongoing research, as part of the brand new First Year FURF program sponsored by the Fralin Life Sciences Institute. The project should be at an entry level, appropriate for students with no prior research experience or skills, and suitable for completion in 80 hours over the course of the Spring semester (approximately 5 hours per week). It is anticipated that a lot of this time may involve students working directly with the faculty mentor or a designated proxy. We will not constrain what counts as research as long as the project falls along the trajectory of accepted undergraduate research practice within a discipline.

Your project description will be posted as part of a list of available projects that students will review when they apply to the program, indicating their top three choices. Please note that students will only be provided with project details and will not know which faculty member is offering the project. The OUR will match up to ten (10) students to projects, one student per project. Consequently, it is possible that not every project will be matched with a student.

Faculty benefits include getting to know students and recruiting future researchers for their projects. Selected (i.e. matched) faculty will receive \$500 to directly support the student's research activities, earmarked for materials/supplies/needs for the student to complete their work. Students will receive a \$1,000 fellowship.

You may submit more than one project. Each project submission will require completion of a separate form.

By participating in this program you agree to complete brief program assessment surveys at the beginning and end of the research period.

## Personal Information

1. Your full name (first last)

2. Your VT email address

3. Your Academic College

- Agriculture and Life Sciences
- Arts and Design
- Engineering
- Natural Resources and Environment
- Liberal Arts and Human Sciences
- Pamplin College of Business
- Science
- Vet Med

4. Your primary department affiliation

## Project Information

5. Research project title

6. Brief research project description (No more than 100 words)

7. What are the specific research goals for the student? What can students expect to focus on or learn in this research project?

8. What are your plans for mentoring the student? How do you view mentorship (overall and specifically within this project)?

9. What experience or skills do you want your student applicants to have in order to be successful in this project, if any? Please keep in mind that this program is for first year students who have no prior research experience.

10. Are there any restrictions or time constraints for this project, for example must the student be available at specific days of the week/times to participate in this project? In general, students will anticipate conducting research during regular business hours (M-F, 8-5), with the specific schedule to be determined based on mutual convenience.

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