PhD Summer 1 Research Plan

Please fill out this one-page summary detailing plans for how you intend to spend your APPM summer stipend in pursuit of potential research paths during the summer after your first year. Download and submit this report to amgradco@colorado.edu by email, no later than April 15th.

In the box below, discuss at least one research area that interests you at this stage in your PhD—this could come from the Introduction to Research Seminar, faculty talks, coursework, or papers you've read.

Describe how you plan to engage with this topic over the summer. This work should ideally be guided by a faculty member or APPM affiliate, with meetings every few weeks (or more frequently, if appropriate).

Examples include reading journal articles, meeting up with other grads researching a similar topic, attending group meetings, meeting with a faculty mentor, or starting a small exploratory project.

If you're preparing for your prelim, that can be your main activity— just note it here and mention a small bit of research training you also plan to do (for example, a guided reading of a paper or two with a faculty member). Pathways to finding a research plan are as various as the individuals in your cohort. Regardless of whether you are on campus for the summer, you are expected to execute your research plan with consistency throughout the summer.