

PhD Summer 1 Research Plan

After filling out and downloading your plan, please have it signed by your faculty mentor before sending it to amgradco@colorado.edu by April 15th of your first year. First year PhDs are supported on a research fellowship for 2 months in the summer. That is the equivalent of a 50% appointment, which entails roughly 20 hours per week of work. If you are studying for a prelim as well, time should be allotted separately for that endeavor. In a few paragraphs below, as part of your Year 1 Milestone, please summarize plans for how you intend to spend your APPM summer stipend in pursuit of potential research paths during the summer after your first year by April 15th.

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).

Your summary may 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 are preparing for your prelim, note that here and mention what research training you also plan to do (for example, a guided reading or paper or two with a faculty member). Regardless of whether you are on campus for the summer, you are expected to execute your research plan with consistency throughout the summer.

Your APPM Faculty Mentor's Signature