



**Self-Assessment for a RESEARCH Connecting Experience**

**Clarify your interests and objectives for doing research:**

What do you hope to gain from this experience? What would you like to learn? What skills would you like to develop?

What are your interests? What problem would you like to investigate?

What type of research would you like to conduct? Are you interested in analytical or demographic research?

Would you like to conduct a case study? Are you interested in creating a business plan or a documentary?

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**Clarify the research environment you prefer:**

Are you interested in research on campus? Off-campus? With a community partner?

Are you interested in conducting research as part of a team or would you like to conduct individual research?

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**What type of guidance do you need from a faculty mentor?**

How much research experience do you have?

What kind of expertise are you looking for in a faculty mentor?

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**What resources do you already have at your disposal?**

Personal connections? What communities are you connected with that may be related to your research or offer research resources?

What previous coursework have you taken that would enhance your knowledge and skills for the research?

What technical skills or access to software, labs or equipment do you have?

What archives or data sets do you have access to?

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