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Research Practicum (RP) Program Overview for Faculty Advisors

What is the Research Practicum (RP) Program?

At Scholar Launch, our programs offer a practical middle ground between MOOCs and independent studies to combine the best features of both in an intimate online setting fully supported by Teaching Assistants (for grading, topic/project implementation, extra student support, and scheduling), an administrative team, and a college-style Writing Center. Scholar Launch aims to produce self-reliant, adaptive learners ready to thrive as scholars, leaders, and global citizens by providing learning pathways with personalized assignments, projects, and feedback from faculty advisors.

Through our innovative group format and one-on-one Research Practicum programs, our faculty advisors--with the assistance of our team of highly qualified Teaching Assistants--provide students around the world the opportunity to produce unique, impactful work across a catalog of disciplines, aid them in earning recognition for it, and help them to apply their knowledge to their communities. If you're interested in learning more about our philosophy and mission, see [here](#).

One-on-One Model:

Practicum duration: 8-12 weeks

Faculty Advisor's Workload Summary:

- A minimum of 8 video conferencing sessions (45 minutes in length each).
- Email communications with TA and student throughout practicum.
- Practicum plan design & completion.
- Student outline review and feedback.
- Midpoint and final project evaluation and feedback.
- Based on student performance, faculty advisor may submit a letter of recommendation.





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Group Model:

Practicum duration: 10-12 weeks

Faculty Advisor's Workload Summary

- A minimum of 6 group-based video conferencing sessions (45 minutes in length each).
- Email communications with TA and students throughout the practicum.
- Outline review and feedback.
- Midpoint and final project evaluation and feedback.
- Based on student performance, faculty advisor may submit a letter of recommendation.

Major Learning Objectives:

- Students have an early exploration or deeper understanding about specific academic interest(s).
- Students become familiar with college-level coursework, readings, and research methods.
- Students reflect on their interests and passion in an academic discipline.
- Students produce a research paper or project as the culminating product of their practicum.

Faculty Advisor Assignment:

Faculty Mentors are assigned to students based on the students' interests and faculty advisors' availability.

Research Practicum Program Documents:

1. Research Practicum Plan Form (Faculty Advisor completes and student signs)
2. Mid-Point Evaluation (Faculty Advisor completes)
3. Final Evaluation (Faculty Advisor completes)

If you have any questions about the Research Practicum Program, please contact our Program Coordinator at aisha.dad@scholarlaunch.com

