

Capstone Readiness Self- Assessment – Independent Research Project

Please complete this form and return it via email to the NRES department at nres-ssc@illinois.edu by the time you have completed 16 hours in the program.

NAME: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

- Which capstone option do you prefer? ____ Independent Research ____ Internship
- How much time do you expect to spend on the capstone per week? ____ hours
- What are your areas of interest? (Name three)

- What are some specific topics of interest within those areas?

- Do you have a particular faculty member whom you would like to work with? ____ Yes ____ No
If yes, please identify the person(s). _____
- What resources are available to you (financial, equipment, land use, experts in the field)?

- What resources do you anticipate needing?

- What skills do you possess (technical, writing, field training, laboratory techniques, use of equipment, certifications)?

- How skillful are you with reading scientific literature? ____ Expert ____ Competent ____ Novice
- How skillful are you with technical writing? ____ Expert ____ Competent ____ Novice
- How skillful are you with statistical analysis? ____ Expert ____ Competent ____ Novice
- How skillful are you with oral presentations? ____ Expert ____ Competent ____ Novice
- How good are you at managing time/meeting deadlines?
____ Exceptional ____ Good ____ Fair ____ Poor

- What role do you envision for your Research Director (choose one)
___ Leader ___ Mentor ___ Senior Research Colleague ___ Other (please explain)
 - How accessible are you by phone? ___ Very ___ Usually ___ Infrequently ___ Never
 - How accessible are you by email? ___ Very ___ Usually ___ Infrequently ___ Never
 - What is your expectation about publication (please recognize that publication means extended time working and revising the documents according to publisher's requirements)?
___ Hope to publish ___ Would like to publish if the work is suitable ___ Do not want to publish
 - How well do you receive constructive feedback? ___ Well ___ Average ___ Not well
 - What will be your **most difficult issue** while doing the capstone? Explain.
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- What **support** (type and level) do you anticipate needing? Explain.