

SOURCE ROADMAP

Pre-SOURCE Events

Attend OUR events to learn more about SOURCE and how to prepare it.

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- **Why to SOURCE** | Fall Quarter
- **How to SOURCE** | Winter Quarter
- **OUR Office** | Barge Hall 305

Choose a Topic

Brainstorm a research topic, hypothesis, theme, style, etc. to start your project. Discuss with your mentor.

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- What are you interested in learning more about?
- What inspires you?
- What are your post-graduation plans?

Find a Mentor

Find a CWU faculty/staff member with similar interest in your field to mentor your project. Start networking and take advantage of office hours

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- Talk with your advisor
- Find previous mentors
- introduce yourself early
- Strategically choose electives

Develop a Project

Work with your mentor throughout all stages of your project. Work with your mentor to complete subjects ethics approvals if applicable.

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- Scientific method, creative inspiration
- Background, method, results, conclusion
- Artistic process, trial & error, critiques
- Ethics approvals (HSRC/IACUC)

Resources

Use all the resources available to you as a CWU student throughout project development.

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- Your mentor is your best resource!
- Library & Learning Commons
- OUR (Funding & events)
- Multimodal Education Center
- www.cwu.edu/source

SOURCE Registration

Submit your project to SOURCE with a brief abstract or artist statement outlining your project. Prepare this with your mentor!

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- Abstract: No more than 250 words
- Mentor Approval Form
- Be aware of the project registration deadline!

Presentation Prep

Create, edit, and finalize your poster or presentation slides. Start preparing for presenting at SOURCE.

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- Print your poster at least one week prior
 - Multimodal, your department
- Practice presenting!
- Anticipate audience questions and prepare responses

SOURCE- 3rd week of May

Attend SOURCE. Present your project to your peers and community.

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- Engage with presenters by asking questions
- Get inspiration for your own research or creative activities!
- SOURCE Awards Ceremony

Post-SOURCE Benefits

Continue building the professional relationships you've made. Take advantage of the academic and professional career benefits from this experience and your connections.

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- Resume Builder
- Network building
 - Professional references
 - Recommendation letters
- Increased opportunities – Publication, Employment

SOURCE CHECKLIST

- Attend “Why to SOURCE” in the Fall.
- Choose a topic or theme & formulate a research question/hypothesis or concept plan.
- Identify a CWU mentor. Connect with professionals in your interest field and start building your network.
- Take advantage of all the resources available to you as a CWU student.
 - Library, Learning Commons, OUR, other faculty & peers, and more!
- Work with your mentor to complete and submit funding applications and ethics approvals (HSRC/IACUC) for your project on time.
- Attend “How to SOURCE” in the Winter.
- Continue working with your mentor to develop your project.
- Prepare your project abstract or creative explanation with your mentor.
- Submit your SOURCE project & abstract before the deadline.
- Create your SOURCE poster or presentation slides.
- Print your poster at least a week before SOURCE and submit your presentation slides beforehand.
- Prepare for your SOURCE presentation. Practice presenting your project & prepare for possible questions about your project.
- Present at SOURCE! Show off your hard work & engage with other presenters about their projects.
- Attend Post-SOURCE events to prepare for your future.
- Consider and prepare for opportunities such as publication, external conferences, graduate school, field experiences, employment, etc.

