**Undergraduate Research Interview – Sample Questions**

1. **What do you do outside of school?** 
   1. What are your favorite hobbies/activities? Why do you like them?
   2. Any part-time jobs?
   3. Pets?
2. **Why do you want to pursue research as a whole?** 
   1. What do you hope to gain from your experience?
   2. What are your career goals?
3. **How many hours per week can you commit to research?** 
   1. How many credits are you taking in the spring?
   2. How many of those are major classes?
4. **How did you find out about our lab?** 
   1. How long would you want to work for us?
   2. What is your ideal working environment?
   3. How would you describe your work style?
5. **Tell me about a big project that you completed.**
   1. What were you particularly proud of?
   2. What learning opportunities did you encounter?
   3. If you could do it over again, what would you do differently, and what would you keep the same?
6. **Tell me about a time you had to work in a team.**
   1. How did your team execute the task you were given?
   2. What role did you take on?
   3. What was the outcome of the task?
   4. What conflicts came up, and how were they addressed?
   5. What was most successful about the task?
7. **What questions do you have for me?**

Review expectations!

* 4 principles: integrity, purpose, fairness, rigor
* 1 credit of “research” = 5 hours of labwork
  + Expectations: 2 credits for first semester; minimum 2 semesters commitment (training takes a long time)
  + Individual meetings 1x/week
  + Manage your own time :-)
* ANY falsification of data will result in an immediate “F” in the course and dismissal from the group. This is a zero-tolerance policy.
  + Struggling is *okay*, normal!
  + Ask questions as soon as you have them –no stupid questions!
* Organization is key!
* Lab safety is non-negotiable: lack of adherence to safety guidelines will result in an immediate “F” in the course and dismissal from the group
* Enthusiasm, feedback, and unique perspectives are both welcomed and appreciated!!