



Exploration Summer 2022 Reflection

You've just completed Exploration Summer! We are all excited to learn about your experiences and how they connect to transformational leadership. It's time to reflect!

Summer reflections are powerful learning tools. Of course, they'll help *you* understand and appreciate what you've done this summer. They also give you a platform to think about your next steps and give you a way to draw a thread through your college experiences. *Our team* also learns a great deal from your reflections. When we look at your collection of reflections and proposals, starting with Community Summer, we can see your growth as a leader-- we can see your transformation. Your reflections, over time, give us excellent insights into that and help us inform programmatic design. *Our Robertson Community* also is strengthened by the insights and wisdom each member shares in these reflections. Without your contributions we are not whole.

We take your word and your work seriously and know that you will, too, in approaching this final activity for Exploration Summer. We share guidelines below for the reflection, but we ask you to remember that this is *your* work—a reflection on *your* Summer. Write what makes sense for your experience. Give yourself the time and space to make this a meaningful activity.

We are asking that you complete your reflection while it's fresh and submit it **by September 15**. This timeline allows us to honor our word on the following commitments:

- We will read and respond to each reflection;
- We will draw on your reflections as we continue to support you in your leadership journey;
- We will reflect as a program staff on what we've learned and how to strengthen programming moving forward; and
- We will communicate back to the cohort key learnings that surfaced across the collective.

If you're not able to submit these materials by September 15, we ask that you communicate with Vicki as soon as you know and make a counterproposal, which includes the new date by which you will submit your reflection. We see this as another powerful opportunity to explore *integrity* at the level of self and the group, strengthening our individual and collective word.

Andrew and Vicki

Reflective Essay (suggested 5-ish double-spaced pages)

Some of the prompts below might be helpful. You do not need to address all (or any) of them. You may want to read over your proposals to remind yourself what you'd written about months ago.

- What did you learn about *yourself* through Exploration Summer?
- What insights have you gained about transformational leadership, from Exploration Summer or through all your Robertson experiences?
- You did a lot of thinking and writing about *curiosity* in the proposal process. What's the status now that you've completed Exploration Summer?
- You also considered *commitments*. What commitments have emerged or changed?
- What role(s) did your Summer Coach play in your Summer? Was your Coach as involved as you had hoped?

Alternative forms of reflection?

If an essay isn't the best way for you to reflect, please suggest an alternative. We ask that you deliver something to us—a conversation, for example, won't count as a "reflection" in this case. You can write a poem, do a painting, share especially relevant

photos . . . this is *your* reflection on *your* Exploration Summer. The most important part is that you create the opportunity to learn about your experience.

If you choose an alternative form, we ask that you provide some type of written “user’s guide” to accompany it, noting key features that reflect your Exploration Summer. Without that, we might look at your art or read your poem and miss something.

Upload materials [here](#) by September 15, 2022

Send your Reflection to your Summer Coach (talk to Vicki if you prefer not to do this)