



## Launch Summer 2022 Reflective Essay and Deliverables

You've just completed the Launch Summer! You spent months developing a project based on curiosity, questioning, decisions, commitment—leadership. Who do you want to be in the world? How do you want to contribute? What is the future you're trying to create? Now 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 Launch 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 5-7 double-spaced pages)

These prompts might be helpful. You do not need to address all of them (or any) of them. We encourage you to read over your proposals to remind yourself of your motivations and goals.

- What did you learn about *yourself* through Launch Summer?
  - What insights have you gained about transformational leadership, from Launch 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 Launch Summer?
  - You also considered *commitments*. What commitments have emerged or changed?
  - What did Launch mean for you? Were you able to "launch" in the ways you'd hoped—and were you able to launch in ways you hadn't expected?
  - How does Launch Summer help you make sense of all you've done as a Robertson? How does this experience help you move forward?.
  - What role(s) did your Summer Coach play in your Summer? How did your Coach impact your experience?
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**Deliverables**

- If your Deliverable is on a longer timetable (e.g., an honors thesis instead of an opening chapter), provide a progress report with regard to its completion. Commit to sharing with us the completed Deliverable.
- If the Deliverable you're submitting is not the one you proposed, please explain.

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

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