

## SSRPeers: A Peer Mentoring Program for SSRP students

Estimated Time: 30 min - 1 hour

Completion: Between July 12 - 18th, 2023



### Goals

- ★ Reflect on any optional events you have attended
- ★ Discuss how the beginning of experiments are going
- ★ Get to know each other a bit more 😊

### Diving Deeper with your SSRPeer

*At this point, you've hopefully learned a bit about your SSRPeer; where they're from, some hobbies, and how they're feeling about the program. This week, we'll dive a little deeper!*

#### **Catch up (5-10 minutes)**

How are you doing this week? Share a success from this week (can be anything you are proud of) in the SSRP and in your personal life.

In the spirit of discussing failure openly and frequently - what is a failure you experienced this week?

#### **SSRP**

This week many of you are starting experiments! Take 5 minutes to explain your experiment idea to your SSRPeer. This is a great opportunity to practice talking about your research!

Take note of the following→

Where is your SSRPeer confused?

Where can you get their advice?

What implications may this work carry for the broader field?

What is something you learned from your SSRPeer that didn't previously know?

### Reading Discussion Questions

(15-20 mins)

## **The importance of stupidity in scientific research**

This week's article focuses on how not knowing what you're doing in science is not only very commonplace, but also integral to the progression of scientific knowledge. When reading the article, refer back to the SSRP's tenet of sitting with your discomfort. Remember, it's okay to challenge, disagree, agree, add to, and more with the information that you consume.

1. What about this article resonated with you?
2. Do you relate to this article? Does it make you feel uncomfortable?
3. How do you feel about the author's use of the word "stupid"?
4. Reflect on how you feel about starting your independent research project.
5. How do you plan on dealing with potential setbacks on your research journey?

## **Planning for the Future**

Discuss your plans for meeting next. Do you have a weekly slot?