



Apex: “A pinnacle or high point. The highest point.”

“Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.”

William Butler Yeats

The APEX Project is designed to inspire an ASUMH student to expand interest in a subject of inquiry beyond traditional classroom exposure. The student who desires to explore a topic, conduct scholarly research, and create a presentation or product to showcase learning is encouraged to consider APEX.

Promoting collaborative scholarship between an ASUMH student and faculty member beyond the classroom, the ASUMH APEX Project encourages the following activities:

- **Exploration of a subject of inquiry**
- **Evaluation of the subject’s significance**
- **Creation of a project (will vary depending on subject matter) reflecting the scholarship**
- **Presentation of the scholarship to ASUMH and the community**

Process: Interested ASUMH students will complete an APEX Project application. Upon approval, the student will research, evaluate, and create an original presentation with the guidance of an ASUMH faculty member. The presentation can be in the form of a paper, physical project, or performance. The presentation will be delivered to an audience of ASUMH students and staff and to the Mountain Home community.

Student Expectations: The student will select and collaborate with a faculty member who will help guide the student in the process. It is the responsibility of the student to meet periodically with the faculty member and the Apex Coordinator. The student will be expected to revise the presentation based on the input of faculty, an oral communications instructor, and the Apex Coordinator and will rehearse the presentation prior to addressing the topic in a public discussion format. For public relations purposes, the student will have a professional photograph made by ASUMH.

Faculty Expectations: The faculty member will work closely with the student and guide the APEX project. Understanding that the level of inquiry exceeds basic knowledge, the faculty member will challenge the student to refine the topic, suggest research options, discuss findings, and assist with the student’s presentation. The faculty member will also collaborate with the Apex Coordinator to ensure the project meets APEX requirements. Additionally, the faculty member will participate in the student’s public presentation. For public relations purposes, the faculty member will have a professional photograph made by ASUMH.

A student may participate only once during his or her enrollment at ASUMH. An ASUMH faculty member may participate only once each academic year.



Apex Project Request

Name

Date

ID #

Degree

Email

Phone

SEMESTER & YEAR proposed for the APEX presentation

Name of your proposed APEX faculty mentor(s)

Topic Information

What topic will you be studying?

What will be the schedule of your meetings with your faculty mentor?
(e.g. "We will meet for an hour every week." Exact dates and times are not necessary.)

What product or activity will the final presentation be based upon?

Approval Signatures

Student

Date

Faculty Mentor

Date

Apex Coordinator

Date

Dean of Appropriate School

Date

Provost

Date