

## Interview Protocol & Guiding Questions

### Building Rapport and Trust

The interview will begin with a brief check in with the participant and review the purpose of the interview (Yin, 2017)

- The purpose of this study is to understand how the class activities in your student affairs research course have impact competency development
- This interview should take approximately 15 minutes
- All interviews are audio recorded for later transcription
- Participation is voluntary and confidential – do you still want to participate in this interview?
- Do you have any questions before we begin?

### Entering the Interview

The interview will open with a grand tour question to set the tone, identify the topic, and invite participant conversation (Spradley, 1979): “Tell me about your experience in your student affairs research methods class this semester – what were three of the most impactful experiences for you?”

### Guiding Questions

The interview will use guiding questions, based on the participants’ responses to the previous surveys, to guide the exchange during the interview while allowing for natural conversation and reflexivity to participant responses (Galletta, 2013; Madill, 2011).

- I see that you mentioned [theme present in written reflection] in your written reflection as impacting your learning of **assessment**. Can you tell me more about why you think [this theme] impacted your learning?
- I see that you mentioned [theme present in written reflection] in your written reflection as impacting your learning of **evaluation**. Can you tell me more about why you think [this theme] impacted your learning?
- I see that you mentioned [theme present in written reflection] in your written reflection as impacting your learning of **research**. Can you tell me more about why you think [this theme] impacted your learning?
- I see that you mentioned [theme present in written reflection] in your written reflection as being **not helpful** in your learning of assessment, evaluation, and research. Can you tell me more about this?

### Exiting the Interview

I will finish the interview by allowing the participant to have the last word (Yin, 2017): “Is there anything else that you would like to share?”

- I will thank the participant for their time, provide them with the \$15 Amazon gift card, ask if they would like to be contacted with the results of the study, and provide contact information in the case they would like to follow up.