When to call your research coach

FYRE is about building research skills. Your research coach is a guide, but you have to do the work. The more you put in, the better your coach can guide you.

**Topic**
Have you chosen a topic for your FYRE project? Choose a topic, then write down what interests you in particular about that topic (brainstorm). The library/internet are great resources for this stage.

**STEP 01**
No. You usually don’t need a research coach at this stage

**STEP 02**
Maybe. You might need a research coach at this stage but try it on your own first.

**STEP 03**
Yes. You should have your research coach check your question.

**Question**
Change your topic into a question. Examples:
- How has the City of Saskatoon changed its water policies since 1980 to address climate change?
- Or, how has the flow of water through Saskatoon changed since the 1980s, and is that related to climate change?

**STEP 04**
Yes. Your research coach can support and guide you in this stage if you get stuck. You may require other training (Excel, statistics, how to read a journal article) to do your analysis. The library is a great place to go for more help.

**STEP 05**
Yes. Your research coach or the Writing Help Centre can give you feedback if needed on any written component. Good practice: write all the way along. Don’t wait until the end!

**Build your story as you go.**
Put it all together. Write down what steps you followed, where and how you did your research, your results and conclusions.

**STEP 06**
Share your research with others! Your FYRE class will have a share component (oral presentation, poster, video or other). Also consider submitting to USURJ, World Class Day, or the USSU Symposium!