FAQ for Juniors

Does the Junior Tutorial show up on our transcript?
Yes. You will receive a grade for the tutorial. The grade is derived from your fall JP and any assignments in the first half of the junior tutorial. The grade counts as part of your GPA and is considered when the department calculates honors at the end of your senior year.

When is the Fall JP Due?
The Fall JP is due on January 17th, 2023, by 5pm. Your JP should be submitted via email to your faculty and cc’d to Sandra Kaiser.

What is the Spring JP?
Most spring JP’s comprise a careful and thorough review of the relevant primary literature underlying the thesis topic and a project proposal for senior independent research.

How long does the Spring JP need to be?
The Spring JP should be about 10 pages (not including title, abstract, reference, tables, or figures). Check with your faculty advisor for any specific requirements.

When is the Spring JP Due?
The spring JP is due on May 5th by 5pm. Emailed to your advisor and cc Sandra Kaiser.

If I go to Kenya or Panama, how do I coordinate my JP and Senior Thesis Research Funding?
You will have settled on an adviser during the fall semester. You meet with him/her during the second part of the fall semester, Reading Period, and Wintersession to confirm as much of your project as possible and work on your STRF worksheets. All deadlines for STRF are the same as if you were on campus. While in Panama or Kenya, you can keep in touch with your adviser via email. When you return from your semester abroad, you will spend approximately three weeks completing your JP.

How do I apply for STRF (senior thesis research funding)?
Using the three worksheets that will be sent via email (STRF Compliance Checklist, STRF Budget, and STRF Proposal), you will be able to prepare to apply for funding. These forms are intended to help you work with your advisor plan your project, project budget, and proposal. The proposal should be in essay form. These forms should be signed by your advisor and are due to
Sandra, by *March 3rd* for review prior to entering your application in SAFE. The EEB application will open on *March 13th* through *March 26th*. This is a hard University deadline, there are NO extensions. You MUST apply to ALL funding agencies whose criteria you meet. **ALL students must apply to the Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) for funding to receive funding from EEB.** You are not guaranteed to receive full funding or funding from all funders to which you apply. This is a very competitive process, and it is important that you have a well written proposal. Additional information can be found here - [https://undergraduateresearch.princeton.edu/funding/thesis-funding](https://undergraduateresearch.princeton.edu/funding/thesis-funding)

EEB funds will not be released until you have registered your travel and uploaded any required documents (i.e. IACUC, IRB approvals). You will need to complete these requirements before August 1st for EEB funds to be released.

If you don’t receive full funding, you will need to speak with your advisor to discuss how to best manage the funds you were awarded. Reach out to Sandra if you have concerns.

**What happens after the Spring JP?**
You embark on senior thesis research. You will have finalized your project proposal, and you will have applied for summer funding to cover your expenses while you do the research for your thesis.