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# Unconference FAQs 2018

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## FAQs

### What is an unconference?

An unconference is an informal event where participants bring their ideas, thoughts, and experiences related to the selected theme. A loose agenda is provided, but attendees participate in determining the topics of discussion for the day. The overall goal is to foster collaboration and inquiry.

### Why should I attend?

Unlike formal conference structures, this unconference will bring together professionals from various areas (e.g., libraries, tutorial centers, writing centers) to share their expertise and knowledge related to undergraduate research and leadership. This is an opportunity to network with other scholars and hear from student co-inquirers about how we can improve the current learning culture. Here are some potential sub-questions for the day's discussion:

- What is student research?
- How do we foster co-inquiry with student researchers?
- How can we facilitate student advocacy and building self-efficacy?

### What will the day look like?

Below is a loose agenda for the afternoon; however, the specific topics for the break out sessions and lightning rounds will be determined on the day of the event based on your interests.

### Do I need to prepare for the unconference?

No, you just need to show up and be willing to have fun. (FYI: Fun is not a requirement.)

### What is the cost?

This event is free and light refreshments will be provided. You can [register for the Unconference here](#).

### Where can I find food on campus?

Here is a [link to various eateries](#) on campus. The locations closest to Western Libraries are:

- [Viking Commons](#)
- [Viking Union Cafe](#)
- [Viking Union Market](#)
- [Zoe's Bookside Bagels](#) (located inside of the library)

### Where can I park?

For those traveling to the Bellingham region, here is more information about [parking at Western Washington University](#). Additionally, here is the [address and map for Western Libraries](#).