

Q&A from Virtual Ruck faculty training call

Will the kick-off session be recorded?

Yes! However, we have not yet told scholars this (yet!) as we want them to watch and interact in real time. If you have scholars reach out because they have a schedule conflict, you can let them know that a recording will be available and they should make every effort to watch it prior to your week 1 small group session.

Is there a participant guide?

No, only the action planning worksheet which is linked on the faculty resources website. Faculty will send that worksheet to scholars at the end of week 1. One note on the worksheet: scholars should answer the questions on the tab corresponding to that week. Those answers will automatically populate into the “summary” sheet.

Is there a Powerpoint we should be using?

Ric Sweeney has developed a Powerpoint template for each week. It is up to the facilitator(s) to decide whether or not they want to use this resource or not. Even with in-person Ruck, each group does this differently so totally up to you!

Is there a particular technology platform we should be using for small groups?

No, it is totally up to you! However, we have provided a list of potential platforms in your facilitator guide so please use that as a reference to help you decide. If you run into any issues or have trouble deciding which to use, let your staff contact know!

If questions regarding the uncertainty about what will happen this fall come up prior to week 8 (where it is specifically addressed), should we tell the scholars to wait until then to discuss?

Definitely not! Ruck (both in-person and virtual) is designed to allow scholars a place to engage with, challenge and learn from one another. We *hope* (and expect) scholars to start talking about what life will look like in the fall much earlier than week 8. In fact, as you go through the facilitator guide, you'll see there are discussion questions in each week that specifically address the pandemic and how their academic year may look different as a result.

If we have any feedback about scholars or chapter situations they may bring up, what should we do?

Please alert your staff contact.

Are we sending links to the pre-work videos / articles directly to our scholars?

Yes! Since you'll decide which video / article you want to use, you'll send it directly to your scholars in advance of your small group session.

If we have the capacity to record the sessions, is that permitted? Or are there privacy concerns to avoid here? If we get approval from participants, would that be okay?

In order to maintain a “safe space” for open and vulnerable discussion amongst the group, please refrain from recording.