Making the most of a summer research project

- Set clear goals (on multiple scales)
- Make sure you understand the "big picture" of your project
- Problem-solve independently, but don't be afraid to ask questions
- Try to brainstorm your own ideas and methods
- Talk to your peers
- Stay in touch with your advisor between meetings
- Stay organized (code, related files, etc) and document *everything*
- Take opportunities to engage with the broader scientific community
- Don't be daunted in the first week