1. How would you define the term “effective work strategy?”

I would define this by always making progress towards your goal every day, in some form or another

1. What rules will you make for yourself (or your group) to ensure you work productively and ultimately complete the project?

In research it has often been the case for me that when I finish a day of work I don’t necessarily have something I can point at and say, ‘this is what I worked/made today,’ *but* you still may have done work that helps you get to the end objective. If I can set work time aside every 2-3 days and achieve a small goal like this that helps towards the project as a whole I feel confident about finishing on time.

1. How do your needs, goals, and background align with your goals for the project? (If working in a group, how do these things align with your group?)

I have almost a year of experience in a research lab at the U, and have been involved in a lab every semester since my freshman year. I am wanting to do a PhD once I finish my undergraduate, and any statistics or other skills I can develop and showcase is a good thing for my applications.

1. How will you make use of the instructor, course materials, and campus resources to complete your project?

I know Dr. Woodward has office hours I am available for, so that is always an option for me. Being an open source project, it’s been more often than not that I am able to find documentation for R on StackOverflow or some other forum that has solutions for a problem similar to mine.

1. How will you handle time management for this project?

I have a paper planner and set aside work time for class projects on a weekly basis. As long as I stick to that schedule I should be able to finish in time.

1. How will you handle issues that arise during this project (i.e. code debugging or group conflict)?

As I mentioned above, I think there are tons of online resources for R problems. 99% of the time when I’ve been Googling help for R, I’ve had a solution similar what I need pop up. Even if there isn’t an exact answer the documentation for R is so great that you can likely piece together some working code.

1. What time will you set aside to complete this project (i.e. what time will you meet with your group or what time do you have to work on this project?)

Weekly time set aside in my planner is all I need to stick to for this.