

CfAO Internship Questionnaire

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The CfAO is interested in learning about your experiences with the internship program this year, including the Orientation and your internship this year. This survey should take you approximately 20 minutes to complete. Your thoughtful responses and suggestions will be very useful as we plan the program for the coming year. Please note that your responses will remain anonymous and your name will not be used in reporting. Thank you for your participation!

Name _____ Institution _____ Location of internship _____

I. The Internship Orientation (Orientation only, not internship)

1. Please rate how well the Orientation prepared you for your roles and responsibilities in your internship. Circle the response that best represents how you feel now.

1	2	3	4
the Orientation didn't help prepare me at all	the Orientation helped prepare me somewhat	the Orientation adequately prepared me	the Orientation prepared me very well

Please explain your rating.

2. Now that you have completed your internship, please list the **three** element(s) of the Orientation that were the **most** useful in preparing you for your internship and why they were useful. Topics included lectures, labs/inquiries, field trips, alumni panel, SACNAS presentation, engineering presentation, engineering activity, research practices discussions, research practices activity, discussions with instructors, other).

3. Now that you have completed your internship, please list any content/components/topics that were not offered that you feel could be included next year to better prepare interns for their internships. Please be specific.

II. Your Internship (Internship only, not Orientation)

1. Please describe your primary goals for your internship.

My goals were:

2. Overall, how well were your goals for your internship met?

1	2	3	4
not at all	somewhat	pretty well	very well

Please explain your rating.

3. How would you rate your working environment during your internship?

1	2	3	4
poor	fair	good	excellent

Please explain your rating and indicate what could be changed/improved.

4. How would you rate the support and supervision you received during your internship?

1	2	3	4
poor	fair	good	excellent

Please explain your rating.

5. Please rate the following items and provide your suggestions for staff in the space provided.
How would you rate the CfAO staff in...

a) providing you with timely and complete information prior to your internship?

1	2	3	4
poor	fair	good	excellent

Comments:

b) responding promptly to your needs and questions before, during, and after the internship?

1	2	3	4
poor	fair	good	excellent

Comments:

c) providing you with an internship placement that met your expectations?

1	2	3	4
poor	fair	good	excellent

Comments:

III. Educational and Career Plans

Please provide your responses to the following questions and provide explanations where requested.

1. What is the highest degree you plan to pursue?

Degree:

- Associate's degree
- Bachelor's degree
- Master's degree
- Professional degree (for example, teaching credential, nursing, law, medicine, veterinary science) (specify) _____
- Ph.D/Doctorate degree
- Other (please specify) _____
- Not sure yet

1a. Have you changed your degree plans since participating in the internship? No Yes

1b. If yes, how have they changed?

1c. What prompted you to change your mind?

2. Please list the area(s) of science you are most seriously interested in now.

2a. Have your interests changed since participating in the internship program? No Yes

2b. If yes, what prompted you to change your decision

3. Have you changed what you plan to major in since attending the internship? ___No ___Yes

3a. If yes, to what major?

3b. What prompted you to change your mind about your major?

4. Please check any activities that you are seriously planning to undertake as a result of participating in the internship program. Please check all that apply.

	No	Yes	Maybe
Take coursework you wouldn't have otherwise considered taking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Continue the research you started this summer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Participate in other internships	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Join professional science/mathematics associations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Attend professional meetings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Continue to communicate with contacts made during internship	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please describe)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

5. Please rate your overall experience with your internship and provide comments if you wish.

1	2	3	4
a poor experience	a fair experience	a good experience	an excellent experience

Comments:

IV. Summary

1. Considering all of the factors that influence your professional and career development, how influential do you think your internship experience will be on the way you proceed with your education and career?

1	2	3	4
not at all influential	minimally influential	somewhat influential	very influential

2. Considering the overall program (Orientation, internship, weekly meetings, presentations, CfAO and internship placement support and guidance, practice presentations, and presentations), what changes would you suggest for next year? Please be specific.

Comments:

3. What do you think your experience in the CfAO internship program will inspire you to do that you wouldn't have otherwise attempted?

Comments:

Thank you!