

ISU College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Career Services 2020 Summer Internship Survey

Survey Participants

651 (Fall 2020 classification - 209 Sophomores, 187 Juniors, 255 Seniors)

Survey questions-

Participation in a structured internship/work experience – 386 respondents

Participation in a non-relevant work experience or other activity – 239 respondents

Enrolled in summer school only – 26 respondents

The following data is reflective of students immersed in a structured internship/work experience:

- 1) Was your internship affected (cancelled, shortened, remote, etc) as a result of Covid-19? Yes 51% No 49%
- 2) 10.3% received college credit for their internship experience. Average experience = 2.83 credits.
- 3) How did student obtain summer internship?

Career Fair/Career Services	46.2%	Personal Networking	39.7%
Advisor/Department	5.9%	Other	8.1%
- 4) Internship Location Iowa 70.6% Out-of-State 29.4%
- 5) Internship Duration

<8 weeks	5.2%	10-11 weeks	18.1%
8-9 weeks	13.3%	12+ weeks	63.4%
- 6) Date of Internship Offer

October/earlier	25.9%	January	8.3%	April/later	22.3%
November	14.9%	February	9.2%		
December	7.4%	March	12.0%		
- 7) Was housing assistance provided? Yes 22.7% No 77.3%
- 8) Compensation

Hourly wage	89.8%	\$14.75/hour average (316 responses) (Soph \$12.98, Jr \$14.27, Sr \$16.08) (Range: Soph \$10-18, Jr \$9.25-26, Sr \$9-30)
Monthly stipend	6.2%	\$2,259/month average (22 responses)
Unpaid	4.0%	(14 responses)
- 9) Did the internship include a signing bonus? Yes 9.7% (average: \$1,477 range: \$400-5,000) No 90.3%
- 10) Were there additional benefits associated with the internship? Yes 55.7% No 44.3%
Benefits included vehicle, mileage reimbursement, computer/technologies, cell phone, clothing, meals, gas stipend, phone bill, and foodservice taste tests
- 11) Did the internship include an independent capstone project? Yes 42.4% No 57.6%
- 12) As a non-graduating senior, did you receive an offer to return next summer? Yes 56.8% No 43.2%
- 13) Was the offer to return accepted? Yes 26.5% No 73.5%
- 14) As a graduating senior, did the internship result in a full-time job offer? Yes 18.5% (29/157 seniors)
- 15) Was the full-time offer accepted? Yes 41.4% No 58.6%
- 16) Quality of internship mentor

Excellent	59.5%	Satisfactory	12.4%
Good	27.5%	Poor	0.6%
- 17) Would you recommend this internship to fellow students? Yes 83.7% No 16.3%