

ISU College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Career Services 2021 Summer Internship Survey

Survey Participants

688 (Fall 2021 classification - 211 Sophomores, 261 Juniors, 216 Seniors)

Survey questions-

Participation in a structured internship/work experience – 434 respondents

Participation in a non-relevant work experience or other activity – 243 respondents

Enrolled in summer school only – 11 respondents

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

- 1) Was your internship affected (canceled, shortened, remote, etc) as a result of Covid-19? Yes 10% No 90%
- 2) 9.8% received college credit for their internship experience. Average experience = 3.19 credits.
- 3) How did student obtain summer internship?

Personal Networking	43.9%	Career Fair/Career Services	34.8%
Other	13.4%	Advisor/Department	7.9%
- 4) Internship Location Iowa 66.0% Out-of-State 34.0%
- 5) Internship Duration

<8 weeks	2.2%	10-11 weeks	18.8%
8-9 weeks	6.0%	12+ weeks	73.0%
- 6) Date of Internship Offer

October/earlier	22.3%	January	7.7%	April/later	32.5%
November	11.0%	February	5.4%		
December	6.2%	March	14.9%		
- 7) Was housing assistance provided? Yes 26.3% No 73.7%
- 8) Compensation

Hourly wage	88.9%	\$14.67/hour average (364 responses) (Soph \$13.45, Jr \$14.53, Sr \$15.33) (Range: Soph \$7.25-20, Jr \$9-22, Sr \$8-24)
Monthly stipend	5.8%	\$2,134/month average (24 responses)
Unpaid	5.3%	(22 responses)
- 9) Did the internship include a signing bonus? Yes 7.1% (average: \$1,187 range: \$500-5,000) No 92.9%
- 10) Were there additional benefits associated with the internship? Yes 56.3% No 43.7%
Benefits included vehicle, meals, clothing, cell phone, technology, personal hygiene supplies, PPE/safety equipment, hotel expenses, mileage reimbursement, vet care discounts, 401K, tuition reimbursement, personal horseback time, professional affiliation membership, flights, and garden produce.
- 11) Did the internship include an independent capstone project? Yes 44.9% No 55.1%
- 12) As a non-graduating senior, did you receive an offer to return next summer? Yes 66.0% No 34.0%
- 13) Was the offer to return accepted? Yes 16.2% No 83.8%
- 14) As a graduating senior, did the internship result in a full-time job offer? Yes 24.0% (40/167 seniors)
- 15) Was the full-time offer accepted? Yes 10.0% No 90.0%
- 16) Quality of internship mentor

Excellent	53.1%	Satisfactory	16.2%
Good	29.6%	Poor	1.1%
- 17) Would you recommend this internship to fellow students? Yes 89.2% No 10.8%