

ISU College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Career Services 2023 Summer Internship Survey

Survey Participants

679 (Fall 2023 classification - 213 Sophomores, 171 Juniors, 295 Seniors)

Survey questions-

Participation in a structured internship/work experience – 429 respondents

Participation in a non-relevant work experience or other activity – 240 respondents

Enrolled in summer school only – 10 respondents

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

- 1) 14.9% received college credit for their internship experience. Average experience = 2.77 credits.
- 2) How did student obtain summer internship?

Personal Networking	34.7%	Career Fair/Career Services	46.7%
Other	10.8%	Advisor/Department	7.8%
- 3) Internship Location

Iowa	62.9%	Out-of-State	37.1%
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- 4) Internship Duration

<8 weeks	4.3%	10-11 weeks	19.2%
8-9 weeks	5.7%	12+ weeks	70.8%
- 5) Date of Internship Offer

October/earlier	27.0%	January	10.5%	April/later	19.6%
November	15.2%	February	7.1%		
December	6.4%	March	14.2%		
- 6) Was housing assistance provided?

Yes	30.2%	No	69.8%
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- 7) Compensation

Hourly wage	89.2%	\$17.56/hour average (373 responses)
		(Soph \$15.76, Jr \$17.25, Sr \$18.59)
		(Range: Soph \$10-24, Jr \$10-26, Sr \$10-30)
Monthly stipend	6.2%	\$2,227/month average (26 responses)
Unpaid	4.6%	(19 responses)
- 8) Did the internship include a signing bonus?

Yes	9.5% (average: \$1,495 range: \$300-5,000)	No	90.5%
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- 9) Were there additional benefits associated with the internship?

Yes	63.6%	No	36.4%
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Benefits included vehicle, meals, clothing, technology (computer, iPad, iPhone), travel reimbursement (mileage, hotel), four-wheeler, 401K, paid vacation/sick leave, air travel home, professional development events, phone stipend, fitness club stipend, tuition reimbursement, zoo discounts, theme park admission, state fair admission, Sam's Club membership.
- 10) Did the internship include an independent capstone project?

Yes	47.2%	No	52.8%
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- 11) As a non-graduating senior, did you receive an offer to return next summer?

Yes	58.4%	No	41.6%
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- 12) Was the offer to return accepted?

Yes	16.0%	No	84.0%
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- 13) As a graduating senior, did the internship result in a full-time job offer?

Yes	18.7% (36/193 seniors)
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- 14) Was the full-time offer accepted?

Yes	25.0%	No	75.0%
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- 15) Quality of internship mentor

Excellent	56.3%	Satisfactory	8.3%
Good	34.7%	Poor	0.7%
- 16) Would you recommend this internship to fellow students?

Yes	89.8%	No	10.2%
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