ISU College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Career Services  
2018 Summer Internship Survey

Survey Participants  
865 (Fall 2018 classification - 240 Sophomores, 230 Juniors, 395 Seniors)

Survey questions-  
Participation in a structured internship/work experience – 583 respondents  
Participation in a non-relevant work experience or other activity – 263 respondents  
Enrolled in summer school only – 19 respondents

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

1) 15.6% received college credit for their internship experience. Average experience = 3.3 credits.

2) How did student obtain summer internship?  
   Career Fair/Career Services 45.1%  
   Personal Networking 37.0%  
   Advisor/Department 6.6%  
   Other 11.3%

3) Internship Location  
   Iowa 67.1%  
   Out-of-State 32.9%

4) Internship Duration  
   <8 weeks 3.2%  
   10-11 weeks 18.8%  
   8-9 weeks 5.3%  
   12+ weeks 72.7%

5) Date of Internship Offer  
   October/earlier 19.2%  
   January 7.1%  
   April/later 23.0%  
   November 15.2%  
   February 8.8%  
   December 12.0%  
   March 14.7%

6) Was housing assistance provided?  
   Yes 26.9%  
   No 73.1%

7) Compensation  
   Hourly wage 86.6%  
   $13.53/hour average (481 responses)  
   (Soph $12.03, Jr $13.48, Sr $14.22)  
   (Range: Soph $8-20, Jr $7.25-23, Sr $8-23)  
   Monthly stipend 6.7%  
   $1965/month average (37 responses)  
   Unpaid 6.7%  
   (37 responses)

8) Did the internship include a signing bonus?  
   Yes 4.9% (average: $1514 range: $250-4000)  
   No 96.1%

9) Were there additional benefits associated with the internship?  
   Yes 61.6%  
   No 38.4%  
   Benefits included vehicle, computer/technologies, clothing, meals, gas card, car wash, farm equipment use, safety wear, educational seminars, gift card, association membership, performance bonus, parking, international travel, retail discounts and 401K contribution.

10) Did the internship include an independent capstone project?  
    Yes 45.8%  
    No 54.2%

11) As a non-graduating senior, did you receive an offer to return next summer?  
    Yes 62.7%  
    No 37.3%

12) Was the offer to return accepted?  
    Yes 11.7%  
    No 88.3%

13) As a graduating senior, did the internship result in a full-time job offer?  
    Yes 20.6% (56/272 seniors)

14) Was the full-time offer accepted?  
    Yes 21.4%  
    No 78.6%

15) Quality of internship mentor  
    Excellent 47.4%  
    Satisfactory 14.8%  
    Good 37.3%  
    Poor 0.5%

16) Would you recommend this internship to fellow students?  
    Yes 87.8%  
    No 12.2%