

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%
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- 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%
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- 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%
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- 9) Were there additional benefits associated with the internship?

Yes	61.6%	No	38.4%
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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%
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- 11) As a non-graduating senior, did you receive an offer to return next summer?

Yes	62.7%	No	37.3%
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- 12) Was the offer to return accepted?

Yes	11.7%	No	88.3%
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- 13) As a graduating senior, did the internship result in a full-time job offer?

Yes	20.6% (56/272 seniors)	No	79.4%
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- 14) Was the full-time offer accepted?

Yes	21.4%	No	78.6%
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- 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%
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