

Survey of Current PIs Regarding International BIO REU Sites

The National Science Foundation's Division of Biological Infrastructure is interested in encouraging the establishment of additional REU Sites with an international component. An informal query at the recent REU PI meeting suggested that many PIs are interested in international REU sites, and yet few such REU BIO sites presently exist (<4%).

To assist us in addressing this issue, we request your help by asking you to complete a very brief e-mail survey. The survey consists of only eight questions and should take 10-15 minutes to complete. Results will be reported anonymously. Comments will not be associated with any individual PI without express permission of the respondent. However, REU Program staff may be interested in following up with selected respondents if further input is desired. We greatly appreciate your assistance with this survey.

Please answer the following questions and return this e-mail to [XXXXX](#) [we will request a dedicated e-mail address for responses]. Use as much space as needed for your answers.

- 1) Are you presently offering an REU Site program with a substantial international component? (Yes/No)
- 2) If you answered "Yes" to Question 1, what do you regard as the most serious challenges that you have faced in administering your international REU program?
- 3) If you answered "No" to Question 1, would you be *seriously* interested in including an international component in your REU Site program in the near future? (Yes/No)

If you answered "Yes" to Question 3, please answer the following additional questions:

- 4) In what geographic region(s) would you be most likely to focus your international REU Site program?
- 5) What is the primary reason you have not proposed an international REU Site program before?
- 6) What do you consider the single most important impediment to developing or proposing an international REU Site program?
- 7) In your opinion, what is the single most important step that NSF BIO could take to encourage new international REU Sites?
- 8) Are you familiar with the 2002 guide to best practices for international REU sites (<http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2006/nsf06204/index.html>)? (Yes/No)

- 9) We would appreciate any additional comments you have regarding the development of additional international REU Sites.

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