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| **SURF Gaithersburg "Fellow" Feedback** |
| Introduction |
| **OMB Control #0693-0033**  **Expiration Date: 06/30/2019**  Hello! Every year we collect feedback from the students to see how the summer went, to learn what went right and what went wrong, and to gather suggestions on what we can do better next summer. Questions with an asterisk (\*) are mandatory.  Click "Next" to get started with the survey. If you'd like to leave the survey at any time, just click "Exit this survey". Your answers will be saved.  **Privacy Act Statement**  **Authority:** 15 U.S.C. § 278g-1(a)  **Purpose:** The National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) hosts the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) which provides an opportunity for the NIST laboratories to encourage outstanding undergraduate students to pursue careers in science and technology. This information collection will serve as the application and submission process for the SURF program.  **Routine Uses:** NIST will use the information collected to perform the requisite reviews of the applications to determine eligibility, and to meet programmatic requirements. Disclosure of this information is also subject to all the published routine uses as identified in the Privacy Act System of Records Notices: NIST-1: NIST Associates.  **Disclosure:** Furnishing this information is voluntary. When you submit the form, you are indicating your voluntary consent for NIST to use of the information you submit for the purpose stated. |
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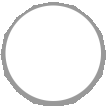
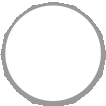
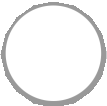
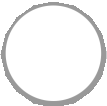
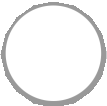
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| **SURF Gaithersburg "Fellow" Feedback** |
| NIST Lab |
| Please let us know which Lab you are in.  **\* 1. What Lab are you in?**  CNST CTL  EL  ITL MML NCNR  PMLPhysics SCO  TPO  Other |

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| **SURF Gaithersburg "Fellow" Feedback** |
| Overall Program Questions |
| Please provide us with some information on the general program.  **\* 2. What will your class standing be as of this coming September?**  Sophmore Junior  Senior  1st year graduate student  Other (please specify)   * **3. How would you rate the program on a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 is “excellent” and 1 is “poor”?**   1 (poor)  2  3  4  5 (excellent)   * 1. **What did you like best about the program?**   2. **What did you like least about the program?** |

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| * **6. Do you plan to apply next year**   Yes Maybe  Not eligible to return, graduating  No. Why Not?   * **7. Would you recommend the program to your classmates?**   Yes  No. Why?   * **8. Do you plan to pursue a graduate degree in:**   Science or Technical Work  Teaching  Not sure  No, or other non-science field. Why not, or which field? |

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| **\* 9. Please tell us how strongly you agree to the following statements:**  Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree  My experience in the SURF program was valuable to my education and development.  The SURF program  has influenced my      career direction  The SURF Program influenced my decision to pursue a graduate degree?  I have decided NOT to  pursue a career in      research. |

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| **SURF Gaithersburg "Fellow" Feedback** |
| Research Project |
| Now we'd like to know more about your research project   * **10. Please choose a statement that most closely reflects your agreement to the statement.**   **My project was:**  Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree Challenging.  Well-defined when I  arrived or soon after.  A good match for my skill set.  Interesting.  Allowed me to learn  things in areas I did     not know before.  Important.  Structured so that I  spent most of my time     doing research.   * 1. **What did you like best about your project?**   2. **What did you like least about your project?** |





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| **2018 SURF Gaithersburg "Fellow" Feedback** |
| Advisor |
| We'd like to hear about your advisor.  **\* 13. Please rank the quality of your working relationship with your advisor on a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 is “excellent” and 1 is “poor.”**  1 (poor)  2  3  4  5 (excellent)  **\* 14. My Advisor:**  Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree  Provided me with a  sufficient level of     supervision  Allowed me sufficient  freedom in my      research project  Gave me a sufficient level of assistance in preparing my presentation  Included me in group  meetings and      seminars  **\* 15. Did you request your research advisor’s assistance in your preparation for your final session presentation?**  Yes No  **16. What advice would you give to your advisor to prepare him/her for his/her next SURF student?** |



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| 1. **What did you like best about your advisor?** 2. **What did you like least about your advisor?** |

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| **SURF Gaithersburg "Fellow" Feedback** |
| SURF Staff |
| 1. **Was your SURF staff accessible and available to address issues that you encounter during the summer?**   5 (most accessible)  4  3  2  1 (least accessible)   1. **Did the SURF staff communicate with you and provide you with information specific to your program?**   5 (most communicative)  4  3  2  1 (least communicative) |

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| **SURF Gaithersburg "Fellow" Feedback** |
| Social Interactions |
| Tell us what life was like outside of your project  **\* 21. The number of opportunities for interaction with SURFers in other labs (as an entire group) were**  Sufficient Insufficient  Not an issue for me  **22. Suggestions** |

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| **SURF Gaithersburg "Fellow" Feedback** |
| Administrative |
| 1. **Did you encounter any significant administrative problems (stipend delayed, badging, security)?**   Yes No   1. **Please comment on any significant administrative problems that might have occurred over the summer (e.g., problems with payment, badging/security, etc)** |

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| **SURF Gaithersburg "Fellow" Feedback** |
| Seminars and Lab Tours |
| Seminars and lab tours are an important component in the SURF program and an opportunity for you to learn more about research outside of your laboratory.  **\* 25. In general, the technical seminars in the Green Auditorium were useful or informative**  Strongly Agree  Agree  No Opinion  Disagree  Strongly Disagree   * **26. How many of the seminars did you attend?**   1-2  3-4  5-6  7-8   * 1. **Suggestions for next year’s technical seminars (speakers)**   2. **Please provide suggestions for future professional development seminars.**   3. **Please provide suggestions for future lab tours at NIST.** |

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| **SURF Gaithersburg "Fellow" Feedback** |
| Congressional Affairs Tour |
| 1. **Did you attend the Congressional Affairs tour downtown?**   yes  no   1. **Please provide comments about the Capitol Hill Tour.** |

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| **SURF Gaithersburg "Fellow" Feedback** |
| Advertising the SURF Program |
| How did you hear about the SURF program? Are there better ways for us to advertise the program to new students?  **\* 32. How did you hear about the program (check all that apply)?**  My undergraduate advisor or other college professor Career Fair  NIST Employee A family member  Email sent by one of my school departments Saw a sign at school  A friend passed on the information  A friend or someone at my school participated in a previous SURF program I saw the SURF brochure  Surfing the web, I found the SURF webpage Via NSF website  I viewed the SURF video  Saw one of the magazine advertisements Other (please specify)  **33. How can we better advertise the program at your school?** |

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| Applying to the SURF Program |
| * **34. Applying to the SURF program was straightforward**   Strongly Agree Agree  Neutral Disagree  Strongly Disagree   * 1. **The general SURF webpage contained enough information to help me apply to the program**   Agree Neutral Disagree No Opinion   * 1. **Please give comments for improvements to the SURF website which could be helpful for applying to the program.** * **37. The NIST Lab SURF webpages contained enough information for me to appropriately rank them in my application**   Strongly Agree Agree  Neutral Disagree  Strongly Disagree  I did not visit the Lab SURF webpages |

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| * **38. How did the SURF program application deadline compare with other research programs/internships you applied to?**   SURF deadline was more than two weeks earlier  SURF deadline was close (+/- 1 weeks) to that of other programs  SURF deadline was within 2 weeks) to that of other programs  SURF deadline was more than two weeks later  Not applicable   * 1. **My school was understood the SURF application process?**   Yes No   * 1. **I was informed by my university of a disbursement schedule by my institution before my arrival at NIST?**   Yes No   * 1. **My university disbursed part (or all) of my stipend to me within my first month at NIST. This statement describe you?**   Yes No   * 1. **I received my initial stipend payment after July 1. Does this statement describe you?**   Yes No   * 1. **I have not received a disbursement on behalf of the SURF Program from my school. Does this describe you?**   Yes No |

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| 1. **In the future, NIST is planning to transition to an application process in which the student submits his or her application through a web portal. Currently, the university submits the application on behalf of the student applicant. Would you prefer to submit your own application instead of the school submitting on your behalf?**   Yes No   1. **NIST was recently authorized to provide stipends for educational opportunities directly to the students. Thus, the SURF application will be submitted via an on-line portal in the future. The application should open how many months before the application deadline?**   2 months (current timeframe)  3 months  4 months   * **46. The amount of information that I received before coming to NIST was:**   Too much  Just right  Not enough  **47. If you answer "not enough", what other information would you have liked to receive?**   * **48. How did the availability of arranged housing and transportation influence your decision to participate in the SURF program?**   It was critically important (first or second most important factor)  It was important (one of the top five most important factors)  It was of marginal importance or was unimportant   * **49. How likely would you have been to participate in the program if you were provided a stipend for housing and transportation to find your own housing/transportation? Assume an additional**   **$3300 (i.e., in addition to your stipend) would be granted for those who could demonstrate need.**  More likely  Less likely  No influence |

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| Orientation |
| **50. What problems, if any, did you have in getting to orientation on the first day?**  **\* 51. In total, the first day's orientation program was:**  Too long  Too short  Just the right length  **52. Please list any areas of improvement for orientation.** |

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| Housing |
| Tell us about life at the Holiday Inn  **\* 53. Did you live at Holiday Inn this summer?**  Yes No |

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| Housing (cont.) |
| * **54. On a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 is “excellent” and 1 is “poor” please rank**   1 (poor) 2 3 4 5 (excellent)  Housing accommodations  Helpfulness of the front desk staff  Quality of the NIST  transportation service     to/from Holiday Inn  Response to maintenance concerns   * 1. **What did you like best about Holiday Inn?**   2. **What did you like least about Holiday Inn?**   3. **The NIST bus transportation schedule was**   too early (I would prefer to arrive and leave 30 min. later) just right  too late (I would pefer to arrive and leave 30 min. earlier) I did not use the NIST bus   * 1. **Not including orientation, how often did you use the bus from Holiday Inn?**   Daily  Once or Twice a Week  Rarely  Never |



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| **59. If you answered "never" or "rarely" to the bus use, why not?**  Had my own car and liked the convenience  Rode with a friend  It didn't match with the time that I needed to be at work  I rode a bike to work  Other (please specify) |

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| **SURF Gaithersburg "Fellow" Feedback** |
| Returning Students |
| We want your wisdom...  **\* 60. Is this your first time in the program?**  Yes  No |

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| Returning Students (cont) |
| **61. Based on your experience from two (or more) summers, do you have any advice to give to the SURF Staff?** |

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| **SURF Gaithersburg "Fellow" Feedback** |
| General Comments |
| 1. **Please add any other comments that you think may be helpful to the SURF Program.** 2. **What is your name? - Not required, however it may be helpful.**   Name: |

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| **SURF Gaithersburg "Fellow" Feedback** |
| Thanks! |
| Thank you for your valuable input to the SURF Program. We hope that you will stay in contact with us. Have a great summer! Thanks again! **The SURF Directors** |

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