

Introduction

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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.

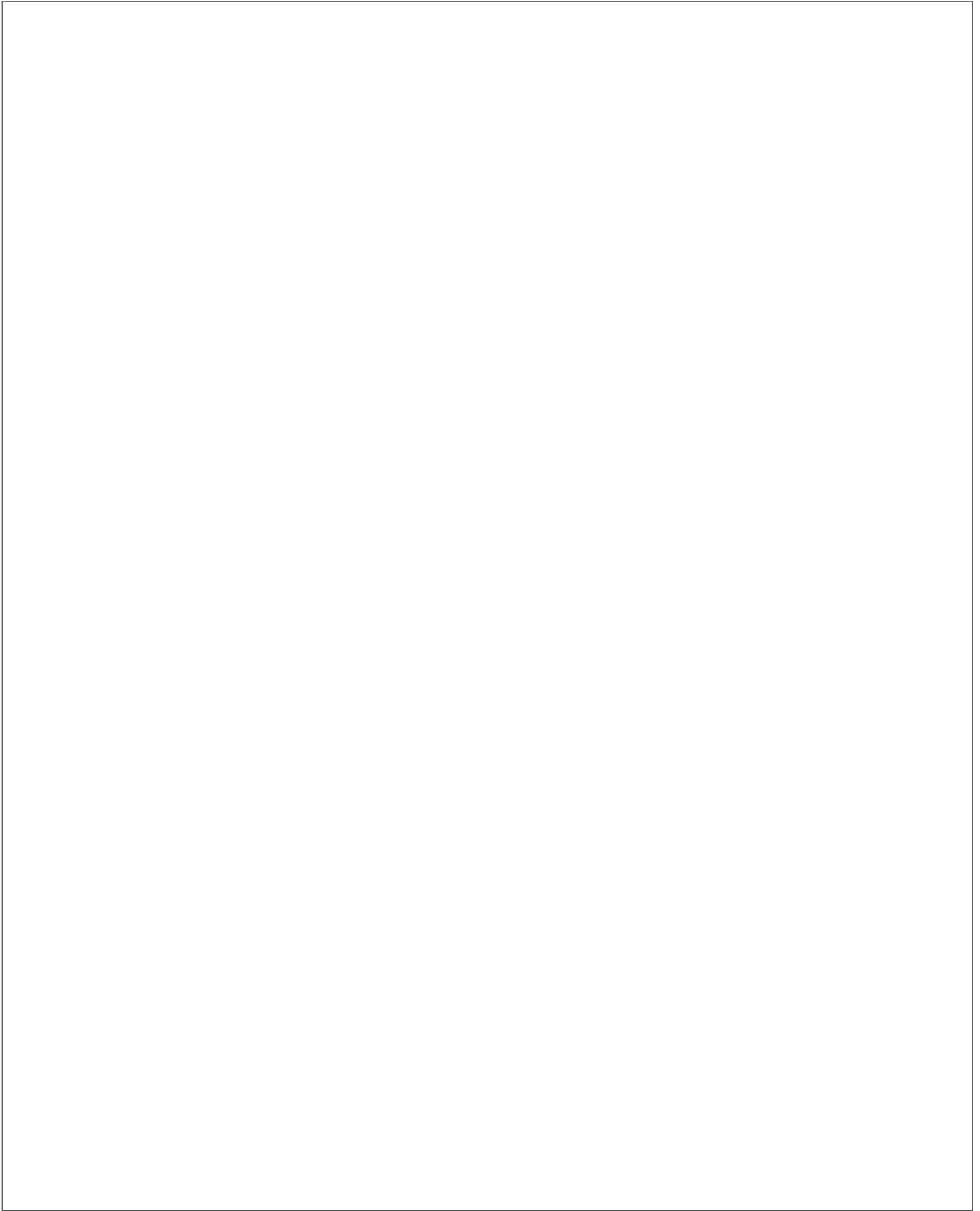
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Purpose: The National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) hosts the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) which provides an opportunity for the NIST laboratories to encourage outstanding undergraduate students to pursue careers in science and technology. This information collection will serve as the application and submission process for the SURF program.

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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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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?**

Sophomore

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)

4. What did you like best about the program?

5. What did you like least about the program?

*** 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?

*** 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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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.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Well-defined when I arrived or soon after.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A good match for my skill set.					<input type="radio"/>
Interesting.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Allowed me to learn things in areas I did not know before.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>
Important.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Structured so that I spent most of my time doing research.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		

11. What did you like best about your project?

12. What did you like least about your project?

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
<input type="radio"/> Provided me with a sufficient level of supervision	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/> Allowed me sufficient freedom in my research project	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/> Gave me a sufficient level of assistance in preparing my presentation					<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/> Included me in group meetings and seminars	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	

*** 15. Did you request your research advisor's assistance in your preparation for your final session presentation?**

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- Yes
- No

16. What advice would you give to your advisor to prepare him/her for his/her next SURF student?

17. What did you like best about your advisor?

18. What did you like least about your advisor?

SURF Staff

19. 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)

20. 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)

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

Administrative

23. Did you encounter any significant administrative problems (stipend delayed, badging, security)?

Yes

No

24. Please comment on any significant administrative problems that might have occurred over the summer (e.g., problems with payment, badging/security, etc)

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

27. Suggestions for next year's technical seminars (speakers)

28. Please provide suggestions for future professional development seminars.

29. Please provide suggestions for future lab tours at NIST.

Congressional Affairs Tour

30. Did you attend the Congressional Affairs tour downtown?

yes

no

31. Please provide comments about the Capitol Hill Tour.

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?

Applying to the SURF Program

*** 34. Applying to the SURF program was straightforward**

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

35. The general SURF webpage contained enough information to help me apply to the program

- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- No Opinion

36. 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

*** 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

39. My school was understood the SURF application process?

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- Yes
- No

40. I was informed by my university of a disbursement schedule by my institution before my arrival at NIST?

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- Yes
- No

41. My university disbursed part (or all) of my stipend to me within my first month at NIST. This statement describe you?

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- Yes
- No

42. I received my initial stipend payment after July 1. Does this statement describe you?

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- Yes
- No

43. I have not received a disbursement on behalf of the SURF Program from my school. Does this describe you?

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- Yes

No

44. 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

45. 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

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.

Housing

Tell us about life at the Holiday Inn

*** 53. Did you live at Holiday Inn this summer?**

Yes

No

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					<input type="radio"/>
Helpfulness of the front desk staff					
Quality of the NIST transportation service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/> to/from Holiday Inn					
Response to maintenance concerns					

55. What did you like best about Holiday Inn?

56. What did you like least about Holiday Inn?

57. The NIST bus transportation schedule was

- too early (I would prefer to arrive and leave 30 min. later)
- just right
- too late (I would prefer to arrive and leave 30 min. earlier)
- I did not use the NIST bus

58. Not including orientation, how often did you use the bus from Holiday Inn?

- Daily
- Once or Twice a Week
- Rarely
- Never

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)

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?

General Comments

62. Please add any other comments that you think may be helpful to the SURF Program.

63. What is your name? - Not required, however it may be helpful.

Name:

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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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