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Welcome to the Summer Internship Program feedback survey! We will ask questions about your summer experience, the application process, and your goals for the future. Your responses will be used to improve the application process and the Summer Internship Program experience at the NIH. The survey should take approximately 20 minutes to complete. All data will be reported in the aggregate, e.g., 37% of respondents were 23 years of age. Thank you for your assistance.

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## Demographics

1. What is your race?

(select all that apply)

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian or Asian American
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- White or Caucasian

2. What is your ethnicity?

- Hispanic or Latino
- Not Hispanic or Latino
- None of the Above

3. Do you currently describe yourself as female, male, or transgender?

- Female
- Male
- Transgender
- None of These

If "other", please specify in the space provided:

4. What is your age?

- |                          |                          |                                         |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> 17 | <input type="radio"/> 21 | <input type="radio"/> 25                |
| <input type="radio"/> 18 | <input type="radio"/> 22 | <input type="radio"/> 26                |
| <input type="radio"/> 19 | <input type="radio"/> 23 | <input type="radio"/> >26               |
| <input type="radio"/> 20 | <input type="radio"/> 24 | <input type="radio"/> Rather not answer |

5. What is your marital status?

- Single
- Partnered
- Married
- Separated
- Divorced
- Widowed
- Rather not answer

6. For how many children do you have parenting responsibility?

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 5+
- Rather not answer

7. Were you born a United States citizen?

- Yes
- No
- Rather not answer

8. Is English your first language?

- Yes
- No
- Rather not answer

9. Do you have any disabilities?

- Yes
- No
- Rather not answer

If Yes, please feel free to explain in the space provided.

10. How would you describe your current educational level?

- High School
- Recent High School Graduate
- Community College
- College
- Recent College Graduate
- Graduate School
- Professional School (Medical, Dental, Pharmacy, Nursing, etc...)

If "Professional School", please define in the space provided:

Location & IC Details

11. On what NIH campus are you located?

- The main campus in Bethesda
- Another campus in the Bethesda area
- Frederick, MD
- Baltimore, MD
- Research Triangle Park, NC
- Rocky Mountain Laboratories, MT
- Phoenix, AZ
- Detroit, MI
- Framingham, MA

12. What is your Institute-Center (IC)?

- |                             |                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> CC    | <input type="radio"/> NIAAA | <input type="radio"/> NIEHS |
| <input type="radio"/> CIT   | <input type="radio"/> NIAID | <input type="radio"/> NIMH  |
| <input type="radio"/> NCATS | <input type="radio"/> NIAMS | <input type="radio"/> NIMHD |
| <input type="radio"/> NCCIH | <input type="radio"/> NIBIB | <input type="radio"/> NINDS |
| <input type="radio"/> NCI   | <input type="radio"/> NICHD | <input type="radio"/> NINR  |
| <input type="radio"/> NEI   | <input type="radio"/> NIDA  | <input type="radio"/> .nlm  |
| <input type="radio"/> NHGRI | <input type="radio"/> NIDCD | <input type="radio"/> OD    |
| <input type="radio"/> NHLBI | <input type="radio"/> NIDCR | <input type="radio"/> Other |
| <input type="radio"/> NIA   | <input type="radio"/> NIDDK |                             |

If "Other", please specify in the space provided:

13. I am part of one of the following summer programs (select one):

- HiSTEP 2.0 (Director =Dr. Natasha Lugo-Escobar)
- CCSEP (Director = Dr. Erika Barr)
- C-SOAR (Director = Dr. Erika Barr)
- UGSP (Director = Dr. Darryl Murray)
- AMGEN (Director = Dr. Ulli Klenke)
- G-SOAR (Director = Dr. Phil Ryan)
- GDSSP (Director = Dr. Phil Ryan)
- I am not part of one of the programs

14. If you participated in one of the summer programs listed in above, please enter the code provided by your program director in the space provided.

15. How many previous summer research experiences at NIH have you had, excluding this experience?

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- More than 3
- Rather not answer

\* 16. My daily supervisor is the principle investigator (PI) of the research group.

- Yes
- No







Information about Additional Mentors

19. Do you have mentors (another PI, a staff scientist, a postdoc, a graduate student, a postbac, an IC training director, summer coordinator, OITE staff) in addition to your daily supervisor and/or PI?

(select all that apply)

- No additional Mentors
- Another PI
- A Staff Scientist / Staff Clinician
- A Postdoc / A Research Fellow / A Clinical Fellow
- A Graduate Student
- A Postbac
- An Institute-Center Training Director / Summer Coordinator
- An OITE Staff Member
- Other

If "other", please specify in the space provided:

20. Rate the quality of your research training:

- Excellent
- Very good
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

Research Group Environment

21. Indicate your level of agreement with the following statements about your research group environment.

|                                                                           | Strongly<br>Agree     | Agree                 | Neutral               | Disagree              | Strongly<br>Disagree  | Not<br>Applicable     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| My research group has an open, collegial atmosphere.                      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I find my work to be varied, interesting, and challenging.                | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| All members of the research group are encouraged to be actively involved. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Research group members are respectful and supportive of each other.       | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I am able to work well with other members of the group.                   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I feel comfortable expressing my ideas in group meetings.                 | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| My PI and research group maintain order and organization.                 | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| My work site is safe; NIH safety procedures are followed.                 | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I have enough space, equipment, computers, etc...to work effectively.     | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I am encouraged to attend NIH lectures, events, etc...                    | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| My workload is reasonable and appropriate to my skill level.              | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I work reasonable hours and have some flexibility in my schedule.         | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

22. How many hours per week do you work, on average?

- < 30 hours
- 30-39 hours
- 40 hours
- 41-50 hours
- 51-60 hours
- > 60 hours

23. How often do you work weekends and holidays?

- Never
- Once Per Two Months
- 1-2 Times Per Month
- 3-4 Times Per Month
- 5 or More Times Per Month

Skills and Technical Development

24. Indicate your level of agreement with the following statements about your skills and technical development.

|                                                                           | Strongly Agree        | Agree                 | Neutral               | Disagree              | Strongly Disagree     | Not Applicable        |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| I understand my project.                                                  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I have been taught new skills and techniques in my research group.        | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I feel competent in the use of experimental and computational techniques. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I have been encouraged to develop my own projects / ideas.                | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I make meaningful contributions to the group's work.                      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I understand the projects of the other members of my research group.      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Participation in a Summer Journal Club was helpful.                       | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I read current literature in my field on a regular basis.                 | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I have learned to present posters effectively.                            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

25. I presented at my research group or Laboratory / Branch meetings.

- Yes
- No

26. I presented / will present a poster at Summer Poster Day and/or poster day in my Institute-Center.

- Yes
- No

Career Development

27. Indicate your level of agreement with the following statements about your career development.

|                                                                                                           | Strongly<br>Agree     | Agree                 | Neutral               | Disagree              | Strongly<br>Disagree  | Not<br>Applicable     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| My PI (and / or a research group member) has agreed to write letters of recommendation for me.            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| My PI (and / or daily supervisor) has encouraged me to attend career development workshops.               | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| My PI (and / or daily supervisor) has encouraged me to take advantage of the OITE Career Services Center. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Summer Poster Day contributed to my career development.                                                   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Attending the Graduate & Professional School Fair was helpful to my career development.                   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

28. Are you or will you be an author on a manuscript?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Professional Development - OITE

29. Indicate your level of agreement with the following statements about OITE support for your professional development.

|                                                                                | Strongly<br>Agree     | Agree                 | Neutral               | Disagree              | Strongly<br>Disagree  | Not<br>Applicable     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| The Office of Intramural Training & Education (OITE) is helpful.               | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| The OITE website provides helpful information.                                 | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| OITE-SIP or OITIE-HS-SIP listserv is a useful source of information.           | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| The Summer Handbook is helpful.                                                | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I can find whatever assistance and support I need at the NIH.                  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| The online application system for the Summer Internship Program was effective. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Finding a research group at the NIH was straightforward.                       | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| The OITE Career Services Center is helpful.                                    | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Meeting with OITE staff members has been helpful.                              | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| OITE wellness activities are helpful.                                          | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

\* 30. In which program are you participating?

- High School Summer Internship Program (HS-SIP)
- Summer Internship Program (SIP)
- One of the OITE Sponsored Summer Subprograms (HiSTEP2.0, CCSEP, C-SOAR, AMGEN, UGSP, G-SOAR, or GDSSP)?

Participating in HS-SIP

31. Did you attend a mandatory HS-SIP orientation offered by the OITE?

- Yes
- No

32. If you attended an OITE HS-SIP orientation, was it:

- Very Helpful
- Helpful
- Neutral
- Relatively Unhelpful
- Not Helpful at All
- Not Applicable

33. If you did not attend an OITE HS-SIP orientation, why did you choose not to attend?

Participating in the Summer Internship Program (SIP)

34. Did you attend Planning a Successful NIH Summer Internship (AKA an OITE Orientation)?

Yes

No

35. If you attended Planning a Successful NIH Summer Internship, was it:

Very Helpful

Helpful

Neutral

Relatively Unhelpful

Not Helpful at All

36. If you did not attend Planning a Successful NIH Summer Internship, why did you choose not to attend?



IC Orientation

37. Did you attend an orientation offered by your IC?

- Yes
- No

38. If you attended an IC orientation, was it:

- Very Helpful
- Helpful
- Neutral
- Relatively Unhelpful
- Not Helpful at All
- Not Applicable

39. If you did not attend an IC orientation, why did you choose not to attend?





43. Have you had problems in your research group?

- Yes
- No

44. If you had problems, how did you get help?

(select all that apply)

- IC Training Office
- OITE Staff Member(s)
- Office of the Ombudsman
- NIH Employee Assistance Program (EAP)
- Civil
- Your PI
- Another PI
- Other (please specify)

45. Has being a part of the Summer Internship Program been a helpful step in your career path?

- Yes
- No

46. Please explain how being a part of the Summer Internship Program has affected or has not affected your career path?

47. Have your career plans changed as a result of participating in the Summer Internship Program?

- Yes
- No

48. If your career plans have changed, please explain.

49. What are your long-term career goals?

50. What are the strengths of the Summer Internship Program at the NIH?

51. What areas would you like to see improved?

52. Would you recommend the Summer Internship Program to a friend?

Yes

No

53. Why would you or would you not recommend the Summer Internship Program to a friend?

54. Would you consider coming back to NIH for another research opportunity?

Yes

No

55. Why would you or would you not consider coming back to the NIH?

56. Please share any other comments you think would be helpful.