

Exit Survey for 2009 REU Programs

We'd like to feedback about your experience in the REU program this summer. Your responses will be used to plan for the continual improvement of this program, so feel free to expand on any of the questions.

Circle one: **Materials** **Mechanical** **Computer Sci** **Physics** **Atmospheric Research** **IBC**

1. Please rate your interest in the project you worked on from 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest.

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2. What aspects of doing your research project did you find positive?

3. Were there any aspects of your research project you found negative?

4. Faculty mentor:

A) In terms of the interaction you had with your faculty mentor involved in the project, was there:

too much interaction enough interaction not enough interaction

B) What did the faculty mentor do that helped you learn?

C) Did the faculty mentor do anything that limited your learning, and if so what?

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- D) Estimate how many hours per week you interacted with your faculty mentor.
- E) Estimate how many hours per week you interacted with graduate students and other undergrads.
5. A) Did you feel the work schedule for your summer project was reasonable?
- B) Were you prepared to work fulltime during the summer?
6. Poster session:
- A) What did you learn from making your poster?
- B) Did you have enough time to prepare you poster?
- C) Was a poster format a reasonable way to present your results? Why or why not?
7. Has your thinking changed as a result of your participation in this program, in terms of doing research and the thinking process involved? If so, how?
8. Was the amount of your stipend and housing sufficient for your needs during the summer and into the school year?

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9. Was your housing suitable? Please list any suggestions you have for improving housing in the future.

10. Outside social activities:

A) Were the picnics/ good things to do?

B) Any suggestions for what activities to do (or not do) for next year?

Note: Keep in mind the limited budget for entertainment, so suggesting bigger trips is going to be hard in the future.

C) Do you have any suggestions on how to improve social activities as a group?

D) Would you have liked more planned social activities or do you prefer letting individuals informally develop small groups to socialize with during the summer?

11. Workload: Estimate how many hours a week (averaged over the summer) you worked on:

Literature and reading

Experiments

Meetings / interacting with others

Analyzing data

Preparing presentations and writing

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Which of these took more time than you thought it would at the start of the summer? Which took less time than you thought?

12. Would you recommend this program to your friends? Why or why not? (By the way, if you would, please do so.)

13. Please rate your overall experience this summer as a whole from 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest.

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We appreciate any additional comments you'd like to share with us on the overall program. Thanks for your responses and your time.