

Intern Survey Feedback 2006-07

The following feedback is based upon an 88% response rate from a post-internship questionnaire sent to 75 interns from 2006-07. Unless otherwise noted, percentages represent the combined categories of “strongly agree” plus “agree” responses with the associated statement. Percentages have been rounded to the nearest whole number.

87% Interns whose expectations were met (61%) or exceeded (26%) for the internship.

84% I now have a clearer understanding of what research science entails.

84% My understanding of what a research scientist does has expanded.

81% I will likely seek out another research experience, either through an organized program or on my own, in the coming years at Dartmouth.

76% My internship has actively influenced my thoughts about science career possibilities.

61% I will approach future lab courses with more trust in my ability to learn new techniques and concepts.

76% As my involvement and skills grew during the internship, so did my confidence.

73% I am sure that my sponsor (or assistant sponsor) and I will keep in touch in the future.

60% I have made valuable connections with science faculty and other science students through the internship program as a while.

69% When talking with my male peers, I was able to explain why the WISP internship program exists.

81% My internship has enabled me to develop (or expand upon) independent thinking skills.

The following set of questions asked interns to generalize over the course of both terms of their internship about the person with whom they worked most often/closely: 39% of respondents worked most often/closely with their sponsor (principal investigator); 55% of respondents worked most often/closely with an assistant sponsor; the remaining 6% spent similar amounts of time with both sponsor and assistant sponsor. Interns were asked their degree of agreement with their primary contact's practicing the following behaviors:

- 87%** Adequate direction and structure to your learning?
- 92%** Adequate guidance when you needed it or asked for it?
- 90%** Adequate support and encouragement?
- 79%** Adequate feedback on how you were doing?
- 86%** Adequate time and involvement with you?
- 60%** Opportunity to talk about current science/math classes, career opportunities, and future courses?
- 87%** Good communication?
- 94%** Good listening?