

Survey to Assess Student Internship Experiences

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Junior and senior students are being asked to help Penn State student government organization and the University Faculty Senate learn more about student experiences before, during, and after participating in an internship.

This very brief survey will close on January 15, 2012. Junior and Senior Penn State students at all locations will receive an email on January 10 with a link to the survey, and a notice email on Monday, January 9.

“This survey will help University leadership and Student Government focus on the characteristics of internships, services the University offers for internships, and barriers students face attaining internships,” Peter Khoury, CCSG president explains.

Khoury (senior, biology) said the survey will be especially critical to assess the experiences of students who complete internships, but not for credit. “We want to learn what barriers they face in registering their internships and what hardships they face during their internships. This includes compensation, hours and tasks required while enrolled in an internship, costs associated with securing an internship,” he said.

A task force was formed in August to assess internship experiences of Penn State students. Khoury said that the survey is not related to recent events that might concern students about internship possibilities. He said Career Services has reached out to employers that have typically hired Penn State students.

“They report to us that Penn State students are in no less demand than in the past,” he said. Employer interest in recruiting and hiring Penn State students has historically been very strong, has not changed and, if anything is increasing, he added.

Career Services, in cooperation with College-based internship programs, has been active in insuring that Penn State continues to be recognized as among the leading schools at the national level for recruiting students for internships and full-time employment. That includes an open letter from Career Services to students on its website, meetings with College-based career and internship coordinators and staff, and visits to employers in Philadelphia, New York and Washington.

More visits are planned. Employer registration for Career Days at Penn State, Feb. 6-7, is up by 11 percent over last year.

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