

SURF Feedback Questionnaire

I am a SURF student in the:

- Physics Lab
- Materials Science & Engineering Lab
- Manufacturing Engineering Lab
- Building & Fire Research Lab
- Information Technology Lab
- Electronics & Elec. Engineering Lab
- Chemical Sciences & Technology Lab

Do you plan to pursue a graduate degree? Yes No Not Sure
If no, I plan to work _____ other _____

The SURF Program influenced my decision to pursue a graduate degree?

Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree

I have decided *NOT* to pursue a career in research.

Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree

RESEARCH PROJECT

My research project was challenging.

Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree

My research project was well defined when I arrived or soon after.

Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree

My research project was interesting.

Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree

My research project was important.

Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree

Most of my time was spent doing research.

Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree

What did you like *best* about your project?

What did you like *least* about your project?

ADVISOR

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.”

(poor) 1 2 3 4 5 (excellent)

My advisor provided me with a sufficient level of supervision?

Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree

My advisor allowed me sufficient freedom in my research project.

Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree

Did you request your research advisor’s assistance in your preparation for your final session presentation? Yes No

My advisor gave me a sufficient level of assistance in preparing my presentation.

Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree

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

What did you like *best* about your advisor?

What did you like *least* about your advisor?

SOCIAL INTERACTIONS

The number of opportunities for interaction with SURFers in other labs (as an entire group) were:

Sufficient Insufficient Not an issue for me

Suggestions:

Should we reschedule seminars so that we could have social before or after them? Yes No

Suggestions:

SEMINARS

The general seminars in the Green Auditorium were useful or informative.

Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree

The workshop on “Giving Successful Presentations” was useful or informative.

Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree

Did you Lab hold specialized seminars? Yes No

These seminars were useful or informative.

Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion
 Disagree Strongly Disagree

Did you attend any of the other Labs seminars? Yes No

These seminars were useful or informative.

Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion
 Disagree Strongly Disagree

What did you like *best* about the seminars (either the general ones or the specialized ones)?

What did you like *least* about the seminars (either the general ones or the specialized ones)?

Suggestions for next year’s seminars-

General Program Question

How would you feel about being required to write a paper in addition to making a presentation?

Strongly for it It is okay No Opinion I don't like it No way!

If we ask the future students to write a paper, should they be mandatory or optional?

Would your opinion change if the SURF papers were combined and published in document?

- I would definitely write the paper
- It might write the paper
- I don't know
- I still wouldn't like to write a paper
- I still think that it isn't a good idea

Comments?

Advertising the SURF Program

How did you hear about the program (check all that apply)?

- my advisor
- a friend passed on the information
- a friend or someone at my school participated in a previous SURF program
- I saw the SURF brochure
- SURF webpage
- I viewed the SURF video
- other: _____

If you saw the SURF video before you arrived at NIST, can you say that the video influenced your decision to apply for the program?

- Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree

Have you seen the SURF brochure? If so,...

Can you say that the brochure influenced your decision to apply for the program?

- Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree

It provided me with all of the information that I needed to make my decision to apply to the SURF program.

- Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree

How can we better advertise the program at your school?

HOUSING - (local students skip this section)

Did you stay in the:

- Oakwood Apartment complex
- Summerfield Suites complex

Please rank your housing accommodations on a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 is “excellent” and 1 is “poor.” (poor) 1 2 3 4 5 (excellent)

Please rank the helpfulness of the housing staff on a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 is “excellent” and 1 is “poor.” (poor) 1 2 3 4 5 (excellent)

Please rank the quality of the transportation service on a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 is “excellent” and 1 is “poor.”

(poor) 1 2 3 4 5 (excellent)

I plan to keep in touch with one or more of my roommates after the end of the SURF program.

Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree

In your mind is one housing complex better than another

- Oakwood is better Summerfield is better
- they are equal I don't know/care

If one is better, what makes it so?

What did you like *best* about your apartment complex?

What did you like *least* about your apartment complex?

RETURNING STUDENTS only

I enjoyed the program (format and activities) this year better than last year.

- Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion
 Disagree Strongly Disagree

**Comparing this year to last year:
What did you like best this year?**

What did you like best last year?

GENERAL COMMENTS

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

Your name is not required but would be helpful.

Name _____

I prefer to remain anonymous.

Thank you for your valuable input to the SURF Program.

****** Feedback Form for SURF Student Advisors ******

Dear MSEL SURF 2006 Advisors,

Could you please take a few minutes to answer the following questions so that we can continue to improve our program?

Please answer yes or no to the following questions.

1. Was this your first time in the program?
2. If my work load/schedule permits, I would be willing to mentor a SURF student next year. (If the answer is no please elaborate in the comments section.)
3. If my student were to reapply next year, I would be pleased to have that SURF student work in my lab next summer.
4. Would you recommend the program to your peers?

Please answer the following questions with:

SA for strongly agree, A for agree, N for no opinion, D for disagree, SD for strongly disagree

5. My student's abilities met my expectations.
6. My student's enthusiasm and work ethic met my expectations.
7. I had an excellent working relationship with my student.
8. Although it required an additional effort, my time spent mentoring a student in the SURF program was worth it.
9. My student made a positive contribution to my research project.
10. Please enter your estimate (in percent) of your time spent working one-on-one with your student.

COMMENTS

Please add any other comments that you think may be helpful to the SURF Program, especially any suggestions you have on how it could be improved.

Sincere thanks for your time and participation in this program. Your efforts are highly appreciated and the SURF program would not exist without them.