

Iowa State University  
SPIRE-EIT REU Survey  
Summer 2008

The following survey will be used to learn about students' experiences in this summer research experience. All responses will be kept confidential. Thank you for taking time to give us your feedback.

**SECTION A** Demographics

Please list your student ID number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your classification for this coming Fall 2008:

- Sophomore       Junior       Senior       Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

What is your current major: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you completed any scientific research project previous to this program:

- None       One project       Two projects       More than two projects

Why did you choose to participate in this summer research experience (check only top one or two):

- Good summer job       Opportunity to conduct research  
 Opportunity to determine if interested in graduate school       Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:       Female       Male

Ethnicity (Please check all that apply):

- American Indian/Native Alaskan       Black (non-Hispanic)       White (non-Hispanic)  
 Asian or Pacific Islander       Hispanic       Prefer not to indicate

**SECTION B** Listed below are various items related to your experience and familiarity with emerging technology. Please rate each of the following statements.

	None	Low	Average	High
I have experience in computer modeling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have experience in computer programming	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have experience in interface design	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am familiar with the role of technology in my discipline	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have an understanding of emerging interface technologies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have a familiarity with the breadth of human computer interaction research	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**SECTION C** Listed below are various items related to research. Please rate your level of agreement with each of the following statements.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Not sure	Agree	Strongly agree
I can easily see connections among multiple disciplines	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I am good at applying knowledge from different areas to solve current problems	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I interact well with individuals from different disciplines	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I am comfortable thinking about ideas and beliefs different from my own	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I have a good understanding of career choices and options in my discipline or field of study	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I have a good understanding of graduate degree options in my discipline or field of study	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I understand ethics that apply to my discipline	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I can effectively apply the scientific method and develop a procedure to address a research problem	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I am good at analyzing and interpreting data generated from analytical procedures	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I am good at asking questions that help clarify the problem	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I have a good idea of the type and depth of information that should be included in an excellent research report	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I can establish an objective and neutral tone in a project report, voiding subjectivity and bias	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I know how to use figures, graphs, charts, and drawings effectively in a project report	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I am comfortable interacting with an audience and responding to their questions	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I am good at working in a multidisciplinary team	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I like working in teams	<input type="checkbox"/>				

**SECTION D** Listed below are general questions regarding future plans.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Not sure	Agree	Strongly agree
I am considering attending graduate school	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I am considering attending graduate school in human computer interaction	<input type="checkbox"/>				
The SPIRE-EIT program will help me in my career preparation	<input type="checkbox"/>				

**SECTION E** Listed below are general questions regarding your abilities in various areas. Please use the scale to the right to indicate your ability level for each item.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Not sure	Agree	Strongly agree
I can create a 3D model from 2D side and front views of an object	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I can compile a C++ program that I have written using existing classes	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I can compile a program that uses OpenGL	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I can compile a program that uses VR Juggler	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I could attend an HCI conference reception and make intelligent conversation	<input type="checkbox"/>				

**SECTION F** Please respond to each item below.

What do you want to learn from this summer experience?

How many research internships have you completed previous to this program?

What do you expect to get out of working on a research project?

What are your current plans once you graduate from college?

What did you think about working with students and faculty from other disciplines before starting the program?

List three examples of cutting-edge interface technologies that will have a powerful impact on society