

2009 SUNFEST STUDENT ENTRY QUESTIONNAIRE

Dear SUNFEST student,

Congratulations on getting accepted and committing to attend SUNFEST! You should expect to learn a lot this summer from experiences both in and outside of the research laboratory. In preparation for your arrival, please complete this short entry questionnaire. This survey is part of our self-evaluation which is required by the National Science Foundation, but also a tool we use to assess the program but also make appropriate changes with the hopes of maximizing your SUNFEST experience.

Thank you in advance for your time!

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Full Name: _____

Undergraduate College or University: _____

Academic Standing as of July 2009 (choose one):

- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior

How did you hear about the Penn SUNFEST program? (Check all that apply)

- NSF IGERT and/or REU website
- Through a faculty member
- Through a former SUNFEST participant
- Academic advisor
- At a university orientation
- Other _____

Why did you apply to the Penn SUNFEST program? (Check all that apply)

- Interest in projects advertised on the website (e.g., robotics)
- To gain research experience to aid in decision about graduate school
- Urban location (Philadelphia, PA)
- Program structure/features (i.e., housing and professional development workshops)
- Highly rated REU program
- Other _____

Why did you choose to attend the Penn SUNFEST program? (Check all that apply)

- University reputation
- Research facilities
- Highly rated REU program
- Location
- Structure (i.e., housing, workshops)
- Other _____

Have you taken part in a previous REU program?

Circle one: Yes or No

If yes, please note:

Host institution:

Year:

Program focus (e.g., sensor technology):

Have you conducted research in science or engineering with a faculty member at your current institution?

Circle one: Yes or No.

If yes, please describe briefly.

Have you had any other previous experience with research in science or engineering?

Circle one: Yes or No.

If yes, please describe briefly.

Had you heard of SENSOR TECHNOLOGIES as a subject before applying to SUNFEST?

Circle one: Yes or No.

Was the information related to the project, prior to deciding to come to Penn adequate?

Circle one: Yes or No.

Was the information related to SUNFEST that you received prior to deciding to come to Penn adequate? Yes or No.

What other information would you have liked to receive before arriving on-campus?

Did you look up the SUNFEST website for information regarding on-campus housing?
Circle one: Yes or No.

Do you have any suggestions at this point about housing? Yes or No.
If yes, please describe:

Did you communicate with your PENN faculty advisor?

Before accepting? Circle one: Yes or No.

Before coming? Circle one: Yes or No.

Did you know what your research project would be:

Before accepting? Circle one: Yes or No.

Before coming? Circle one: Yes or No.

At this point do you have thoughts or suggestions on how the student-project pairing process could be improved?

At present, what are your plans after graduation? (Check all that apply)

- Find a job in industry
- Go on to graduate school for a Masters Degree (i.e., MA or MS)
- Go on to graduate school of a PhD
- Enter the teaching profession?
- Go on for a professional degree (medicine, law, business, etc.?)
- Other _____

How do you think the SUNFEST REU program might affect your future plans? (Please describe briefly)

What are your expectations for SUNFEST? (Please describe briefly)

Other comments, questions or concerns? (Feel free to use the back)

Thank you for your time!