

2018 CaRES Evaluation Completed by Interns
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 N=46 (46 of 50 interns responded) 92%

Current degree in progress

MD or DO	31 (67 %)
MPH/ MSPH/DrPH	7 (15 %)
PharmD	6 (13 %)
DVM	1 (2 %)
Other	1 (2 %)

How many CaRES internships have you completed prior to this summer?

Responses	0	42 (91%)
	1	04 (8 %)

Experience with the CaRES website on the following pages

Very Helpful= 3, Somewhat Helpful= 2, Not Helpful=1, Not Accessed= 0

	Mean
Apply to CaRES	2.78
Orientation to CaRES	2.58
Current Interns	2.8

How did you hear about the CaRES program?

A presentation made by CaRES faculty	17
Email, brochure, flyer	16
Conversation with a former CaRES student	17
UAB faculty who invited me to apply	6
Internet search	6
Faculty at another university	2

Please rate how well your preceptor does the following

5= Excellent 4= Good 3 = Neutral 2=Fair 1= Poor

	Mean
Oriented you and gave assistance you needed during the internship	4.84
Showed interest in your development as a research investigator	4.82
Was available to supervise, assist, and advise you	4.8
Demonstrated an understanding of the goals of the CaRES program	4.78
Made clear expectations of you as an intern	4.82

Please rate how well the CaRES administrators and staff . . .

5= Excellent 4= Good 3 = Neutral 2=Fair 1= Poor

Explained how the CaRES program works	4.82
Responded to your questions and concerns	4.8

Clearly outlined expectations 4.76

Please tell us how the CaRES program helped you to

5= Excellent 4= Good 3 = Neutral 2=Fair 1= Poor

Build overall knowledge of this particular research area 4.8

Build overall knowledge of scientific methods and research process 4.76

Please tell us your overall assessment of the CaRES program

5= Excellent 4= Good 3 = Neutral 2=Fair 1= Poor 4.76

Please tell us how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements

5= Strongly agree 4= Agree 3= Neutral 2= Disagree 1= Strongly disagree

Based on your prior education, experience, and skills, you matched well with the project you did. 4.63

You had a positive research relationship with your preceptor. 4.82

Your preceptor should be approved again to oversee a CaRES intern. 4.82

Your stipend was adequate. 4.56

Your hours were flexible. 4.30

Your internship was an effective way to obtain a short training experience in cancer research. 4.73

The CaRES poster session allowed you to effectively communicate your research goals, methods and preliminary results. 4.56

The presentations by faculty on data presentation and interview skills were valuable components of the CaRES Seminar Series. 4.15

The presentations by faculty on cancer research careers provided useful information for career development. 4.39

You became acquainted with investigators with whom you could collaborate on future research. 4.50

The CaRES program helped me to _____ my career plans when it comes to cancer research.

Refine 20 (43 %)

Identify 12 (26 %)

Solidify 7 (15 %)

Eliminate options from 0 (0 %)

Narrow 5 (10 %)

Decide to change 2 (4 %)

Tell us how much the CaRES program enhanced your knowledge or skills in these areas by selecting the appropriate response

3= Greatly enhanced 2= Moderately enhanced 1= Somewhat enhanced 0= Did not enhance

Your general writing skills 1.89

Your scientific writing skills 2.21

Your ability to perform laboratory procedures	1.84
Your knowledge of research design	2.50
Your data analysis skills	2.43
Your knowledge about doing research in an academic setting	2.69
Your knowledge about acquiring grants and funding for research	1.78

Dissemination of your CaRES research results	Submitted	In Progress	Being Planned
Use your project as basis for thesis or dissertation	2	1	2
Make an oral or poster presentation at a professional meeting	13	13	10
Draft and submit a manuscript for publication	2	13	21

End of Statistical Results

Please read and reflect on the goals that you and your preceptor set in the mentoring contract. In general, were most of your goals met?

Goals Met	40	(87 %)
Not Met	0	(0 %)
Met, but not completed	6	(13 %)
N/A	0	(0 %)

What are your career plans?

Conduct research	
Full time	2
Part time	24
Undecided	18
Practice my discipline (clinic or community)	
Full time	38
Part time	7
Undecided	1

2018 Intern Commentary for Selected Questions

Themes: Strengths of the internship

1. Mentorship
2. Flexible hours
3. Support and encouragement from mentor or other staff
4. Learn new skills
5. Opportunities to submit papers/ develop a poster
6. Networking

Themes: Weaknesses of the internship

1. Bureaucracy
2. Not enough individualized attention/mentorship from preceptor
3. Not flexible hours
4. Length of project (too short)
5. Travel reimbursement
6. No clinical experience
7. Lack of communication about expectations/ project/ hours