

Intern Exit Interview Summary SoCal BSI 2007

Comments are from 2 second year interns interviewed for 30 minutes each during the last week of the program. Numbers before each issue indicate the number of interns who identified the issue indicated in bold (Specific comments, paraphrased or direct quotations, follow each issue.) **Red** indicates domains indicated by second year So Cal BSI interns in 2006. (Questions #4-10 were added in 2006.)

- 1) **What part of the SoCal BSI Program met or exceeded your expectations? Please explain why or how.**

2 Internship

1 Professional development phase

- 2) **What part of the SoCal BSI Program disappointed you? Please explain your response and/or suggest ways to improve the program with respect to the issue that you have identified.**

1 Housing – no internet access

1 Professional development phase – sessions were long; more speakers would be useful

1 Internship – stress to complete project; liked to work from home, but mentor disliked this

- 3) **Would you recommend the SoCal BSI Program to a friend? Please answer either NO, YES, or YES WITH RESERVATIONS. Please explain your response.**

0 NO

2 YES, if grad school in mind; internship valuable way to “figure out what you want to do”; off site internship options

0 YES WITH RESERVATIONS

4) What would you suggest would be a valuable second year experience for returning So Cal BSI students?

2 Good as is

2 Did not get much out of TAing

5) Please rate on a scale of 1 to 10 the usefulness of the professional development phase of the institute, with 1 being essential to your success in the overall institute's program and 10 being completely unimportant to your success in the overall institute's program.

Mean = 1.5 (1, 2)

6) Why were you attracted to a program offering you a summer bioinformatics internship?

1 Return to first year lab

1 No bioinformatics option at home campus

7) Why did you choose the So Cal BSI program versus other summer bioinformatics programs?

1 Chance to return to 1st year lab

1 Good 1st year experience

8) Overall, do you feel that you achieved your goals as related to this Institute?

2 Yes

9) Did you enjoy the dinners formally organized and attended by the institute PIs?

2 YES; change for the better from last year; students and faculty segregated, but nice to have possibility of informal conversation with PIs; at 1st awkward, but now OK; Fridays are good

10) Do you have any other comments about the SoCal BSI Program that you would like to make at this time?

- completely satisfied with both years of the program
- PIs gave encouragement about future career