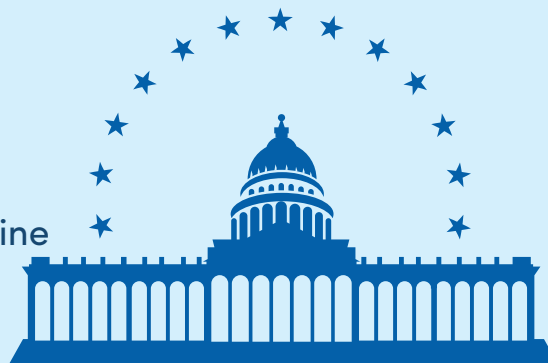


Exploring the impacts of internships

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Science advocacy case study

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Overview

McCabe wanted to learn about graduate students' experiences with internships given their potential to increase scientific partnerships. He wanted to share that information with the National Institutes of Health's Office of Strategic Coordination and highlight the benefits of an NIH-wide funding initiative for graduate student internships in external laboratories.

Activity

- Conducted a literature search on scientific collaborations and existing internships.
- Created a survey.

Results

- Identified a need for training in collaboration at the graduate level to foster successful scientific partnerships.
- Engaged the scientific community by distributing the survey through social media, scientific societies and listservs.
- Responded to an NIH request for information.

Write an official comment

The [Public Comment Project](#) has a short list of tips for writing effective comments.

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About the advocate

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