Mississippi INBRE Research Scholars Student Expectations

- Students should not have outside employment or take summer classes during their internship.
- Students are expected to work 40 hours per week for the 10-week duration.
- Students are expected to be respectful to their mentor and follow all instructions.
- Students are expected to arrive on time to their internship each day unless previously approved by their mentor.
- Students are to be aware of others in the lab and be respectful of their time and space.
- It is expected that students miss no more than five days throughout the duration of the summer internship.
- Students are expected to have all absences pre-approved by their mentor.
- If a documented emergency causes a student to be absent for more than 5 days, they are expected to make up the hours at the mentor’s convenience.
- Students are expected to save a portion of the award money in order to cover costs of presenting at Mississippi Academy of Sciences ($200 should cover these costs) and at the Mississippi IDeA Conference ($150 should cover these costs).
- Students are ambassadors for Mississippi INBRE and as such are expected to act in a professional manner, to work diligently in their internship and to follow all instructions from authority.

Student Deliverables

- Students are required to present a poster presentation on their research at the Mississippi IDeA Conference, held Friday, July 27, 2018, during the last week of their internship. Research Mentors are also invited to attend the Conference and following banquet dinner.
- Students are expected to also present their research at the Mississippi Academy of Sciences (MAS) Annual Meeting held February 21-22, 2019. This presentation may be either a Poster or an Oral Presentation.
- Students may also get opportunities to present their work at other regional or national scientific meetings and financial support for doing so, as agreed upon with their mentor. Mississippi INBRE is to be notified of these additional presentation opportunities with full abstract, presentation title, and event details.
- Students should respond to all surveys initiated by Mississippi INBRE or their appointed subsidiary (EPSS) during and following research experience. Survey information is intended to document your continued education and research efforts following the Mississippi INBRE Research Scholars experience, and determine how this experience benefitted your education/career outcomes. Please email contact information updates, such as current email, to msinbre@usm.edu.
As a participant or beneficiary of the Mississippi INBRE program, you have the opportunity to engage in hands-on research, learn new skills and improve your current abilities, and engage in scientific discovery as part of a statewide research community.

In return for this opportunity, you are expected to participate fully in ongoing evaluation efforts. These efforts can take the form of interviews, focus groups, online surveys, paper-based evaluation forms, and even informal one-on-one conversations with one or more evaluators. The information and data collected through these activities are a critical part of continuous improvement of the Mississippi INBRE network. We need to hear your thoughts and impressions of your experiences, your feedback and your suggestions, in order to make the student experience better for you and future researchers.

We need your feedback while you are in the program, and we also need to keep in touch with you as your career develops and find out what your professional experiences are following graduation from college. With that in mind, please contact us with any changes in your email address and also provide a second contact we can communicate with (such as a parent) who will be able to contact you and request that you contact us. We would like to have an open-ended commitment from you to keep in touch with Mississippi INBRE in return for the support we are offering you.

Your participation in all evaluation activities will serve to build the future of Mississippi INBRE. Please sign your name below as a sign of your commitment to help us meet the needs of all our current and future stakeholders.

I understand the expectations of Mississippi INBRE students. I agree to participate in the Mississippi INBRE program evaluation by taking surveys, attending interviews and focus groups as needed, and responding to requests for feedback after I leave the Mississippi INBRE program.

Signed: ______________________________________________________

Print name: ____________________________________________________

Date: ______________________

Email: _______________________________________________________

Secondary (permanent) email and complete address:
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