



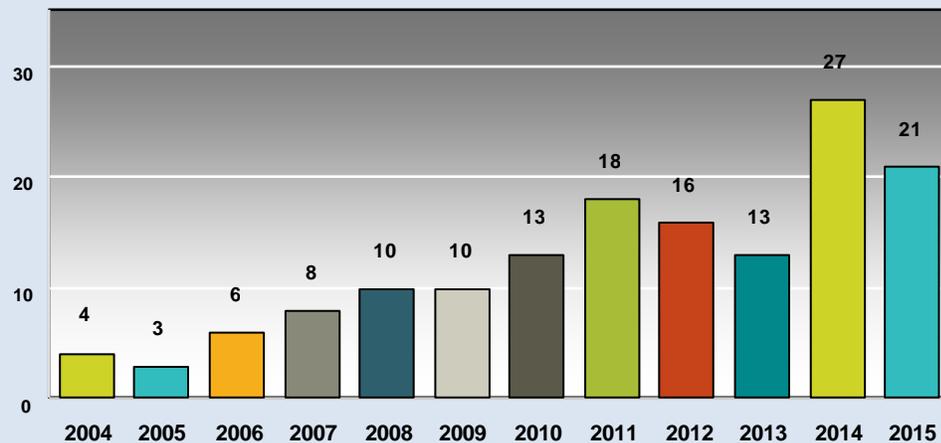
Occupational Health Internship Program

OHIP Alumni Survey (2004-2015) Summary Results

In September of 2016, a survey was collected from alumni of the Occupational Health Internship Program (OHIP) from 2004-2015. The survey was distributed to the 234 OHIP alumni for whom we had emails. The survey had a 64% response rate (149 out of 234) -- 9 alumni did not answer all survey questions. Below are the survey questions and a summary of the alumni responses:

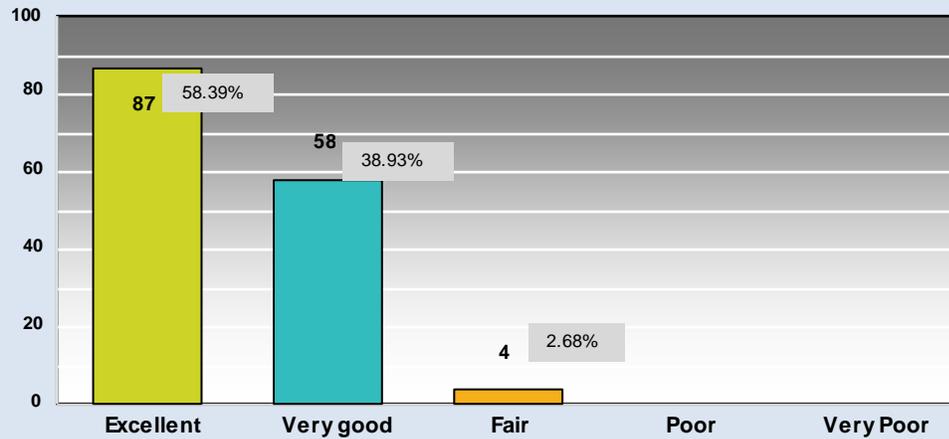
In what year were you an OHIP intern?

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Overall, how would you rate your OHIP experience?

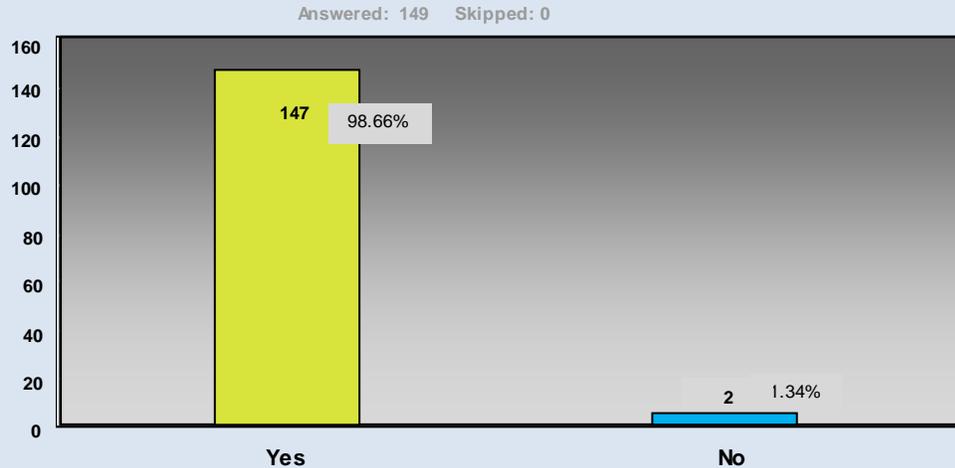
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Comments (37 total responses):

- If it wasn't for OHIP, I would not have continued in the OHS field.
- My OHIP experience was excellent. My experience really helped me understand the connections between social justice and occupational health. The lectures and discussions during the OHIP orientation were excellent. The organization I worked with really wanted us (the interns) to learn and have a meaningful experience. I had great mentors at my organization that took the time to talk one-on-one about various occupational health issues and concepts.
- OHIP was an invaluable experience that will undoubtedly shape the future of my career in public health. It fulfilled and surpassed my expectations.
- Prior to OHIP I was unaware that occupational health and safety was a field in public health. It opened up a new world of interest and potential career paths.
- I was not sure if OSH was a realistic career path for me, doing OHIP made me confident that it was.
- OHIP is amazing! I learned so much in the time I was there. Because of OHIP, I found a new career desire to work in Occupational Health and wish I would have received my MPH with an emphasis in Occupational Health instead of just general MPH degree.
- I couldn't speak more highly of the program. My unique project gave me the opportunity to understand how government policy, national union work and local union work comes together to impact worker's health and safety.
- Best internship I've encountered. Wonderfully organized. Great networking. Very very informative. I met so many lifelong friends and mentors and learned so much.
- Totally exceeded my expectations. The summer was not only extremely informative, but it was very fun and I felt a ton of support from the staff and other interns. It was one of the most diverse programs I've ever been a part of, I felt like I was doing meaningful work, and it basically got me a job. Only wish it was longer.

Did the OHIP experience change how you understand or perceive different workforces or the work environment?

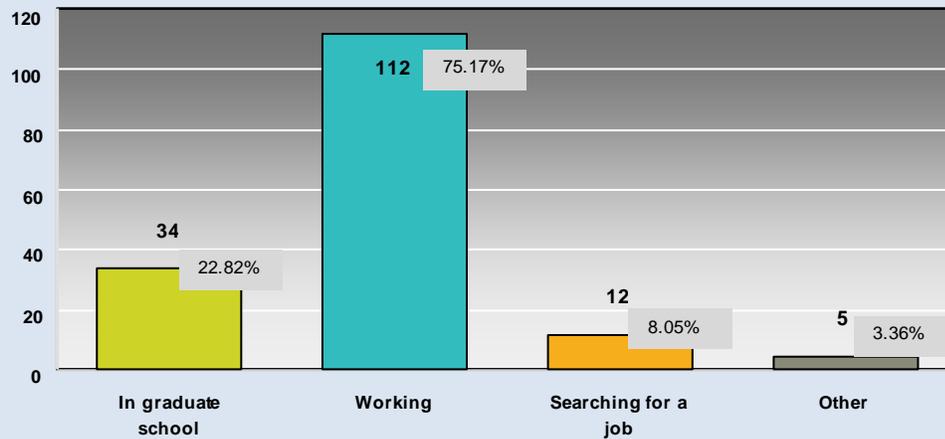


Please explain your response (65 total responses):

- My OHIP field experience has provided me invaluable perspective and understanding on the construction workforce environment and has helped me transition into my current position at CPWR.
- Before OHIP, I had some interest in occupational health, but had not spent much time reflecting on different workforces and the work environment. During my OHIP experience, I was in an atmosphere that encouraged dialogue about different workforces and the work environment. I worked on a project with dairy farm workers, but through my OHIP experience I learned from my peers and mentors about obstacles and issues that workers in other industries face. The experience also solidified connections between occupational health, environmental health, economics, and social justice.
- I knew very little about unionized work forces before OHIP and believed that they were somewhat unnecessary in today's world. I quickly learned how much of a misconception that was! My experience with the Portsmouth site helped me better understand how a union can contribute to the wellbeing of workers during and after their tenure. I also learned more about the importance of employee right-to-know policies; federal safety regulations; education for policy makers, occupational health physicians, and employees.
- Yes, I had the opportunity to collaborate with a union that represents lead and asbestos abatement laborers. I was previously unfamiliar with this type of work. Not only did I learn an incredible amount about this particular workforce, I now also have a much deeper understanding of working conditions that are shared by many other types of workers: working with hazardous materials, outdoor work, work in containment, and heat hazards - to name a few!
- OHIP dropped me into one of the most toxic work environments, but also a strong local union. The most important aspect of work that I learned is how workers acting as a collective can make progress. Additionally, the health hazards and physical hazards these workers faced everyday were not a story in the paper or past exposures that did not have relevance. As a young person, it is easy to think that workplace injuries and illnesses are a problem of the past. OHIP shattered those thoughts. The combination of a strong local, great mentors, passionate workers, and strong national union set the foundation for my thoughts on work that I carry with me now.
- My OHIP experience gave me the opportunity to speak with dozens of restaurant workers about their working conditions. It was humbling and at times disturbing to hear about the expectations they were forced to live up to in order to maintain their jobs. The experience lent to my understanding of how working conditions can profoundly influence a person's physical and mental health.

Are you currently:

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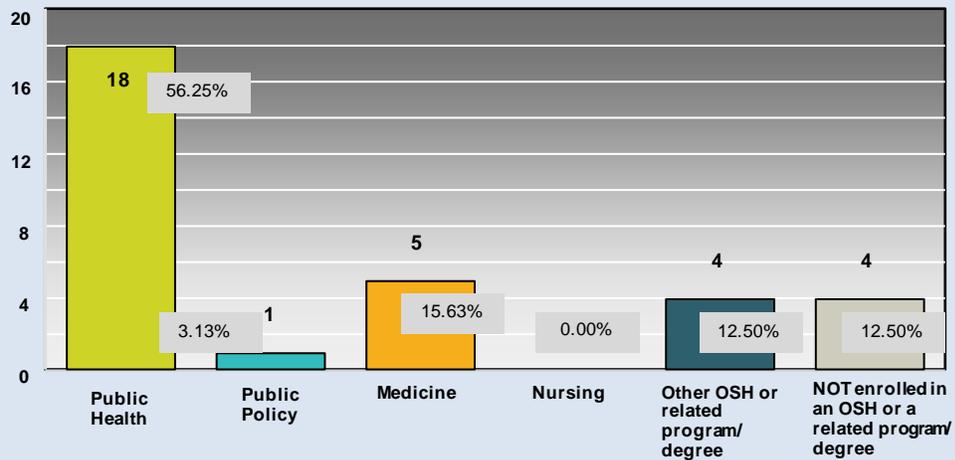


If OTHER, please explain (9 total responses):

- Pgy3 resident
- Family Medicine Residency
- Applying to medical school
- I am beginning the Clinton Fellowship for Sustainable Development in India, I will be working with tea farmers in Darjeeling. This is an OSH project and the first of its kind for the fellowship that generally does not work on OSH issues.
- In June 2016 I completed my post-master's NP program in adult-geriatric nursing with a focus in occupational & environmental health. So I am preparing to take my national certification boards in the fall AND looking for full-time work---that will hire me provisionally as an RN with a 'bridge program' that allows me to move into my NP role once I obtain my license and certification.
- I am currently working and will be attending graduate school beginning Fall quarter 2016.
- On maternity leave. Last was working with the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility, a coalition of shareholder advocates pushing for better social & environmental practices
- Medical School.
- Looking for employment

Indicate your area of study in graduate school:

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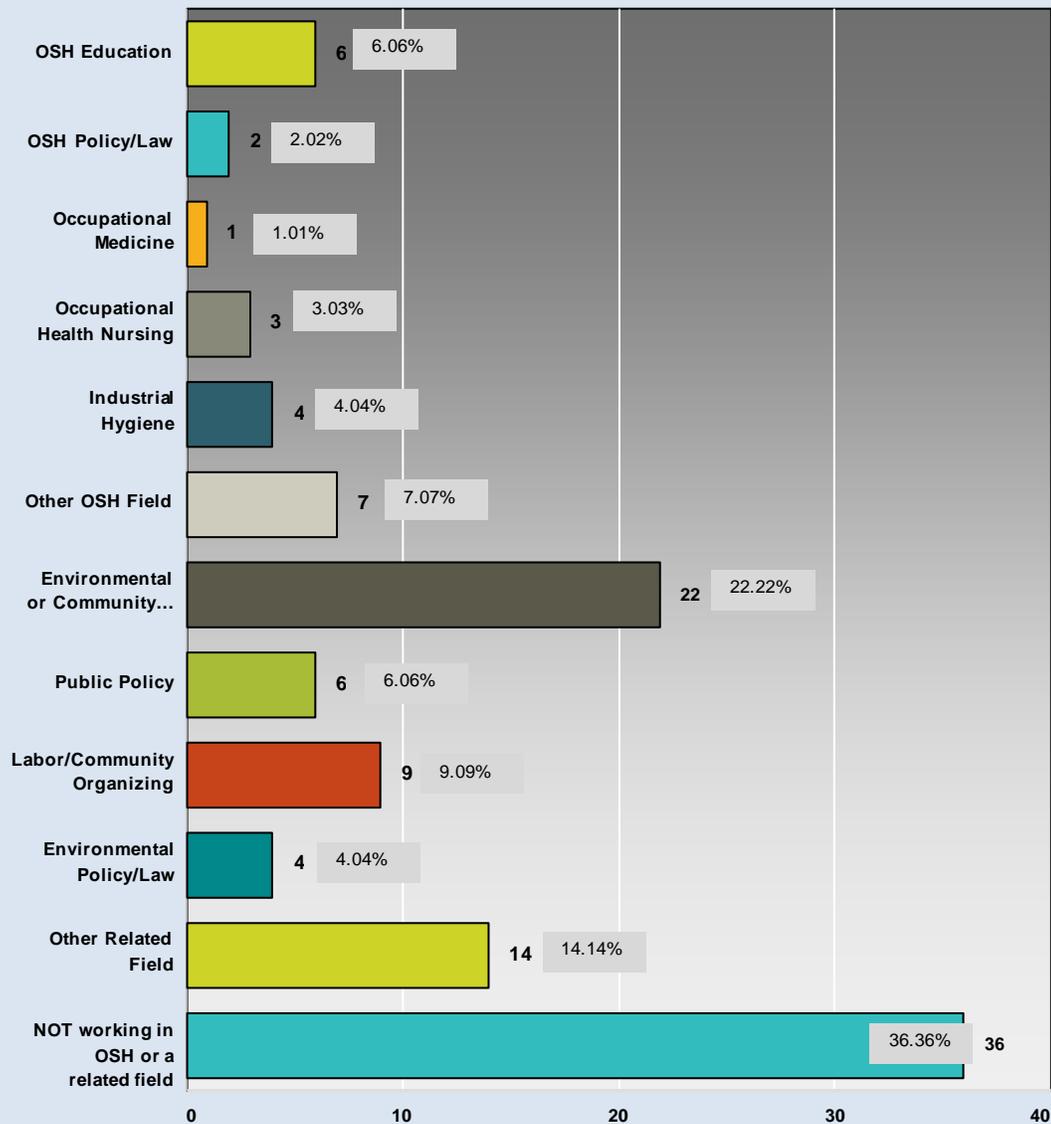


Please indicate your school name and your area of study (if not listed) or specialty within your program/degree (i.e. Industrial Hygiene, Occupational Medicine, etc.) (26 Total responses):

- University of Southern California, MPH (concentration in Health Education and Promotion)
- UCLA, Environmental Science and Engineering
- MPH UC Berkeley
- UCLA MBA
- University of Pennsylvania- masters of science in clinical epidemiology. Also a nephrologist at the university of Pennsylvania
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of Illinois-Chicago
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill MPH in Health Behavior and Health Education
- School psychology doctoral student at UT Austin
- UCLA, Public Health, Community Health Sciences
- Environmental and Occupational Health
- University of Washington, Epidemiology
- UIC EOHS
- UC San Diego School of Medicine
- University of Wisconsin, Madison- Sociology
- University of Washington, MPH with concentration in Environmental and Occupational Health
- University of Washington - Masters in Public Health - concentration in Health Systems & Policy
- University of South Florida, Public Health: Toxicology & Risk Assessment/PhD
- University of Minnesota Industrial Hygiene PhD
- University of Washington, Evans School of Policy and Governance
- Industrial Hygiene
- University of Maryland: Behavioral and Community Health
- Brown Medical School -- Emergency Medicine
- UCLA, MPH-MPP
- Harvard Medical School
- Western University of Health Sciences, Doctor of Osteopathy

Indicate your area of employment:

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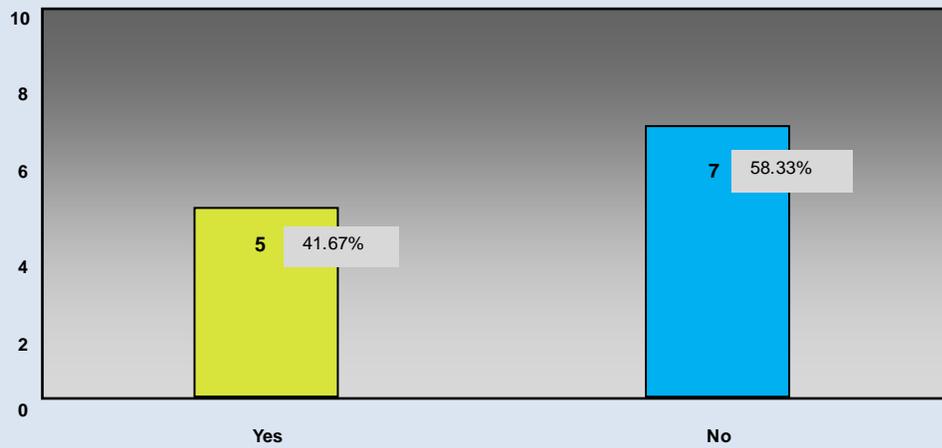


Please indicate your employer and job title, and your area of employment if not listed (76 total responses):

- CPWR - The Center for Construction Research and Training
- Community Organizer, Restaurant Opportunities Center of Los Angeles
- Research Assistant II for Cancer Prevention Institute of California doing occupational & environmental health science research
- New York Communities for Change- Community Organizer
- AFL-CIO, Senior Safety and Health Specialist.
- Tesla: senior industrial hygienist
- Post doc researcher in Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences, OHSU
- Epidemiologist / Data Manager for AOEC
- Wake Forest School of Medicine, Project Manager I, Research on OSH of hired Latino youth farmworkers
- University of California Center for Environmental Implications of Nanotechnology- Outreach Coordinator
- Amazon, Safety Specialist
- CPWR - Energy Department Program Assistant. I work on the Building Trades' Former Worker Medical Surveillance Program for former DOE construction workers.
- CSU, Assistant Professor, Industrial-Organizational Psychology and Occupational Health Psychology
- Coalition of Kaiser Permanente Unions, National Coordinator of Research, Labor & Healthcare

Are you searching for a job in OSH or a related field?

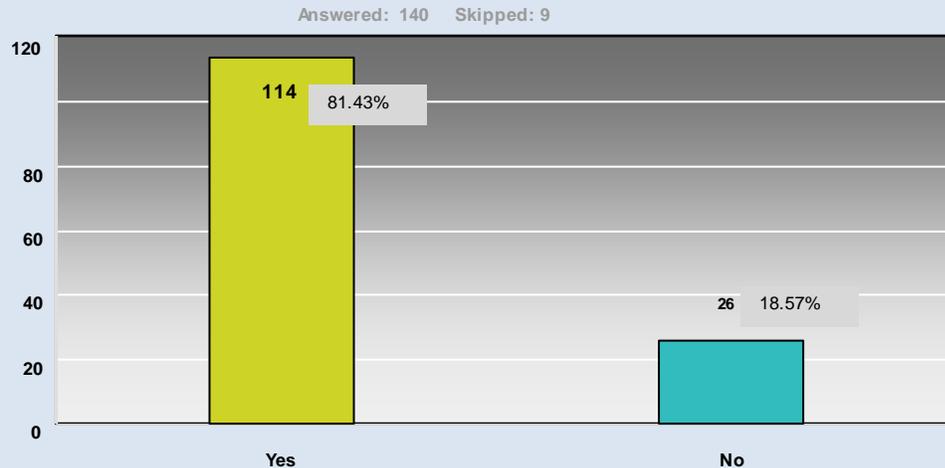
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Indicate the area of work you are searching for a job (4 total responses):

- Business
- or a health related job
- Clinical research
- Public Health Research in OSH or Epidemiology

Did OHIP, or the connections you made through OHIP, influence your career path, your interest in searching for a job, or your pursuit of a graduate degree in OSH or a related field?

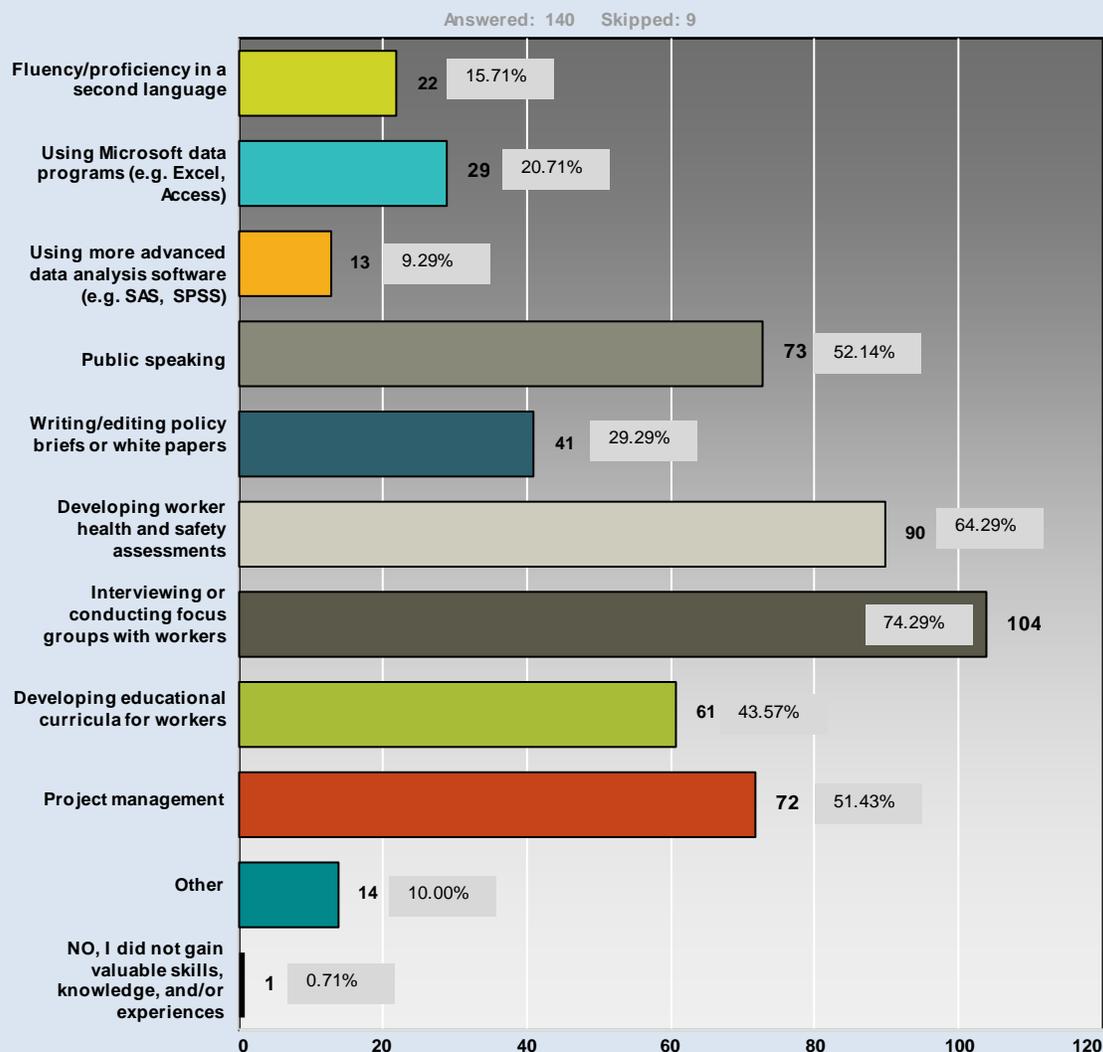


Please explain your response (78 total responses):

- After the experience, I got a position in federal service in environmental health then in industrial hygiene where I directly inspected work centers for OSH exposures. However, those experiences helped me to realize that I wanted to work more in community health whereby I am still helping to develop policies to protect and promote health among specific populations.
- I decided to do a fellowship in occupational epidemiology after getting my MPH, then pursue a PhD in occupational epidemiology - what I learned from OHIP and connections I made were invaluable for both.
- Connections with the UCLA Labor Center and OHIP allowed me to obtain a summer job working to evaluate the CALOSHA Heat Illness Campaign after graduating. This unique experience allowed me to continue to explore my interests with the intersection of health and social justice issues that I was passionate about.
- After completion of the OHIP program I decided to pursue a PhD in Public Health with an occupational health concentration.
- OHIP exposed me to the OHS field. Prior to the internship, I had little to no knowledge of OHS so without a doubt, it influenced my decision to go into OHS.
- OHIP was an experience that introduced me to a wide variety of issues, specialties and professionals where there is a lot of good work to be done. My OHIP experience and wide variety of mentors and influences I met through OHIP absolutely influenced my career path after graduate school and more importantly, helped me understand the field through the workers' lens. This is especially important because this is the voice excluded from many decisions that impact workers directly.
- Yes, I loved my experience and went on to get a masters in Adult Nurse Practitioner with focus on Occupational and Environmental Health Nursing
- After OHIP I became very interested in pursuing a job in OSH. I applied to multiple OSH jobs and recently worked as a research assistant at Northeastern University studying the safety of construction workers. During this experience, I was happy that coworkers introduced me as an OHIP alum to collaborators. It was great to know that although I had interned in another part of the country, others in the OSH field were very familiar with the type of experience I had.
- OHIP deepened my interest in occupational health and safety and also motivated me to learn more about labor policy more broadly. I currently do research and policy work related to labor issues. I will soon be starting work on a health impact assessment of hiring discrimination with a coalition of labor advocacy orgs and worker centers.

- OHIP reinforced my passion for improving the health of undeserved communities, particularly of workers. I learned about Public Health as an undergrad, but OHIP allowed me to my knowledge into practice and gain some experience in OHS. It allowed me to meet my amazing mentor and encouraged me to pursue a graduate degree. I don't think I would have the same opportunities I have now, if it wasn't for OHIP.
- OHIP was the first time I ever worked on OSH professionally and since OHIP I have exclusively worked on OSH and/or labor issues/organizations. I am dedicated to continuing to work on OSH.
- It helped me gain an understanding of the role of structural aspects of work (i.e. workers compensation as well as community clinics). I am now going to start graduate school and hope to further explore employment and social mobility among immigrant communities. I also received the Health Policy Research Scholars fellowship from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation which will provide rigorous training that I will pair with my occupational health research interests.
- After OHIP, I knew I wanted to continue working in the field of occupational health and safety. Working directly with healthcare workers gave me unique insight into the lives of these workers, and reinforced my desire to try and protect health and safety in the workplace.
- OHIP reinforced my commitment to integrate occupational health within primary care. Also, although my focus is working with elders, since more and more people are not only living longer but also working beyond 65 years of age, I think it's even more important to have a lens that considers how one's work and the accumulation of on-the-job physical plus psychosocial stressors impact one's overall health. I also have plan to become vocal within the occupational health nursing world: I have joined the national organization and my local chapter. I submitted a workshop proposal for an upcoming national annual conference of occupational health nurses in New Orleans in April 2017 titled "OHN advocacy for the health, safety and dignity of contingent workers" whereby I will use our OHIP 2015 project as a case study. I am truly grateful for what I learned thru my time working with Daniela Conde and Daniel Castellanos with the NWCRJ and NGA.
- OHIP was a driving force in me being hired by the New Hampshire Public Health Association as well as my current job at the University of California Center for Environmental Implications of Nanotechnology. The connections I made and the program itself were so valuable.
- OHIP is the only reason I am in the career that I am today. I had no labor background and being from a low union density state I was unlikely to have a labor experience outside of OHIP. The connections I made through my project encouraged me to pursue a Master's degree, do other internships with labor unions and eventually begin a career in labor S&H.
- Yes, since OHIP I have taken a course on occupational health, given numerous presentations on my experience with OHIP and incorporated worker safety into my own teaching. I am also now interested in a job in occupational health and safety.
- I interned with the Massachusetts Nurse's Association for my OHIP experience in 2011 and that summer experience continued on for an additional year as a part of my Master's Degree project. I gained knowledge about the risk of blood borne pathogens' in healthcare and occupational health, which gave me experience for my current position as an Infectious Disease Project Coordinator. Overall, my OHIP experience paired well with my current job and gave me an advantage when I applied for this job.
- Absolutely. I made the connection to CPWR, my current employer, because they partially funded my internship project. This is what all internships should be like. I don't have a graduate degree but I plan to get one heavily informed by this field.
- Through my OHIP placement at ATU Local 192, I was able to make a connection at the ATU international where I have worked since completing the program.

What were the most valuable skills, knowledge, and/or experiences that you gained through OHIP that will be/are useful in your current/future career (check all that apply):



Please explain your response(s) (Total responses 36):

- Developing and administering the survey instrument were the leading skills that I gained from the experience. Correspondingly, data analysis was another important skill that I gained. I also gained valuable experience in developing health education tools for workers.
- The program encouraged and forced me to think and use the items I checked. As a college student in the EHS/OSH field, I did not learn the items checked in class. The program help me gained the knowledge I have today and I can only grow.
- The most invaluable skill my OHIP project has taught me was to be sensitive to preconceived notions in the construction workforce. As we know, construction workers are apprehensive when any sort of occupational health personnel approach them. This experience gave me was the opportunity to interview construction workers and see firsthand how the culture interacted to occupational safety personnel. It has taught me to be careful and tactful when scheduling site interviews such as by navigating around the stigmatized terms "health" and "safety."
- I got to a range of activities that are still useful -- translate OSH pamphlet, collect and analyze quantitative data surveys, create a PowerPoint and written report on research findings, observe and give feedback on OSH workshop for workers/employers.

- It prepared me for graduate level work and also gave me an idea of what I was going to choose for my own master's thesis & field project
- OHIP gave me a unique opportunity to apply and improve upon technical skills I was learning in the classroom, but build those skills in tandem with cultural experiences and power relationships in the workplace. OHIP taught me to be opportunistic, and use a variety of methods to assess workers' issues and accomplish my OHIP requirements together. The project experience created so many avenues that each could be developed on their own. And each skill was such a vital piece of assessing public health issues and making informed policy decisions.
- I improved my Spanish language skills, worked a lot in Excel and RedCap, had public speaking opportunities (in Spanish and English), got experience administering surveys to farmers and farm workers, and learned more about developing educational curricula for farm workers.
- The OHIP experience is fast-paced and I had the opportunity to gain and/or refine many valuable skills: conducting a quality lit review, developing and deploying survey instruments, analyzing survey data, and presenting findings. The most impactful new experience was collaborating with multiple project partners and administering surveys at worksites.
- I had never done a needs assessment so I definitely learned a lot from developing the assessment, to presenting it to
- A focus group and then refining it to do a needs assessment in a larger context. I also learned and developed a training curriculum and how to make these projects a collaborative effort.
- As part of my OHIP project my tasks included effectively communicating to large number of people in health center waiting rooms and encourage them to participate in an interview to share their OSH needs. I then also facilitated the interviews and then summarized the finding in a final report. My experience with OHIP allowed me to practice skills that I now currently use in my project manager position. I still continue to hold interviews that inform our trainings and resources, and I continue to practice public speaking through trainings and workshops. The organizational and planning skills that I practiced while carrying our OHIP project have been invaluable and are extremely useful now as a project manager and help ensure I remain organized in my projects.
- My project was with an organization who focused on Latin American immigrants (mostly undocumented). As part of the project I had to speak at their worker's committee, interview workers to get insight on their working conditions and struggles and had to develop educational material. It was a fantastic learning experience. I also had the opportunity to present at NIOSH in Washington DC.
- Although I speak Spanish (intermediate fluency level), the OHIP internship gave me the opportunity to really improve my proficiency with the language. I feel much more confident now with my communication skills as a result of interview Spanish-monolingual workers in their native language, speaking publicly in front of groups in Spanish (I previously had only stayed in my safety zone of 1:1 patient interactions in Spanish. I also learned a great deal about the shipbuilding industry, hazards, exposures and the strengths of immigrant worker communities in the face of systemic adversities.
- I was able to improve my skills in data collection and analysis, and learn how to develop and implement a survey that accurately reflects worker experience. I also had the opportunity to enhance my professional skills through interaction with union members and staff, and through the presentation I made to OHIP.
- The most valuable knowledge that I gained through my OHIP exposure was the true meaning of a union and the impact that workers can make coming together for change.

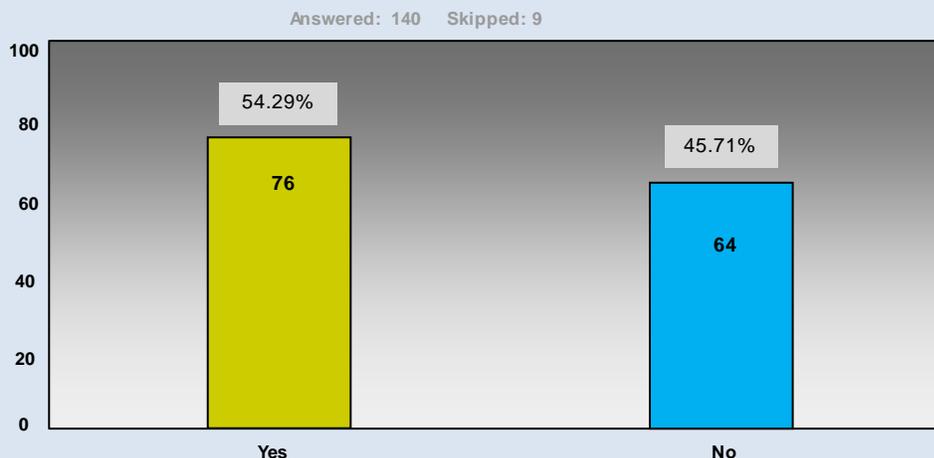
Please indicate your career goals at the present time.

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Responses (94 total):

- I am currently in a senior OSH position at a union organization and am content. In the future I plan to pursue a doctoral degree (in OSH-public health) or medical degree so that I can continue to influence policy on behalf of working people, in more on-the-ground specific ways, and so that I can teach university students about policies that improve or hurt the health of working families through the workplace; and ways they can make a difference using different skills in this rich field.
- Continue working in the OHS field and contribute to the improvement of working conditions.
- I recently graduated with a MPH and I am a registered nurse. Currently I am not working in the field of occupational health. However, in the near future I hope to obtain my BSN and continue to improve my Spanish language skills in order to have more opportunities in the field of farm worker health and justice. I am currently working in a non-OSH state public health position, but hope to eventually work either in research, direct care, or advocacy, ideally in occupational health or a related field. Prior to OHIP I had not considered working on nursing labor issues, but my experience has also sparked my interest in nursing unions, which are sparse in the Southeast.
- I am still in the process of finishing my graduate degree in public health. Upon graduating, I hope to continue my work in labor policy and advocacy arenas and/or seek employment as a researcher and/or health and safety specialist for a labor union.
- My career goal is to ultimately be an OHS researcher and advocate of workers' rights. I am planning to continue my PhD with a focus in occupational safety.
- My future goals are to work on low wage worker health with Urdu/Hindi speakers.
- Move into management at the Social Security Administration or make a lateral transfer to the US Department of Labor.
- Go to medical school and pursue a career as a physician in occupational medicine.
- I want to use my MPH degree and the experience gained in OHIP to continue my career in occupational health and serve at-risk populations
- My career goals are to continue work in the S&H labor movement. I hope to further my knowledge and experience in S&H policy, education, outreach and general labor initiatives to eventually become a leader in the field. Additionally, I hope to use my experiences to reach out to others and help build up the next generation of labor S&H activists.
- I am currently an occupational health nurse practitioner and hope to soon pursue my PhD in occupational health nursing. I hope to incorporate research into my future role as a practitioner. After graduating from my current PhD program, I would like to find a faculty job in research settings. My current training is a combination of traditional industrial hygiene and modern occupational epidemiology. I would like to apply the skills I am learning through the Minnesota taconite health worker study to further other research projects.
- I plan to stay with my current job at CPWR for a couple more years possibly, and then start looking at grad schools. I have not decided yet if I want an MPH or not, though that is a distinct possibility. If I don't get an MPH, I would probably get something in media or communications, which could still help with this field.
- Achieving DO degree and enter the field of occupational medicine
- I plan to go to grad school next fall and hope to continue to pursue a role in the labor movement.

Has OHIP influenced your participation in OSH or OSH-related activities such as rallies, volunteering, community organizing, attending conferences/events, etc?

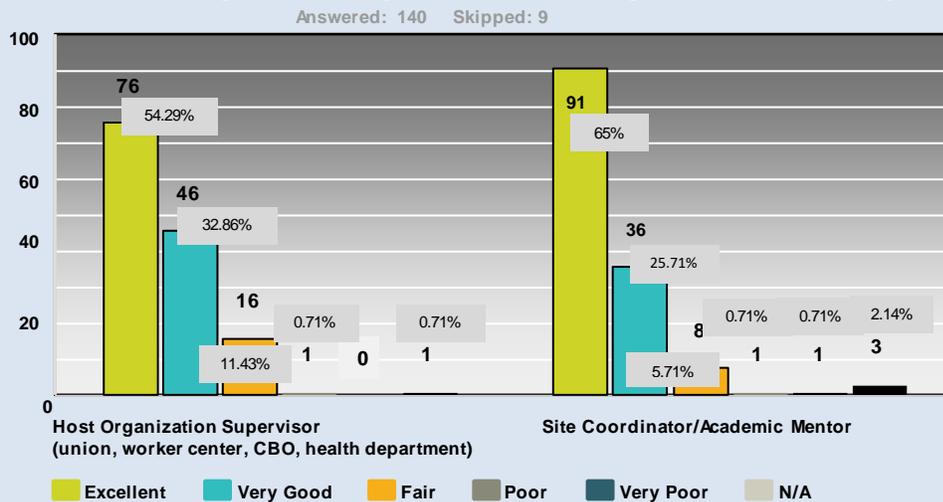


If YES, please explain (48 total responses):

- I attend rallies, conferences and volunteer anyway as part of my work and before I joined OHIP, but now I am more motivated to pay attention and attend events re: worker health and safety. I understand better than I did before the importance of health and safety.
- I still belong to a lot of Occupational health list serves and groups. I also have participated in a lot of union rallies based on my time as an OHIP intern working beside the brick layer union of Oakland.
- Yes, Occupational Health was more grassroots and focused on the people aspect of health than the jobs I previously had in public health. It was more connected with the people we were serving.
- I have continued to work with the Chicago Workers' Collaborative on community organizing, grant writing, and policy- related projects post OHIP.
- I now regularly attend APHA and am an active member in the OHS section.
- OHIP helped solidify for me the fact that these events are highly important to influencing policy, community and workplace decisions. Creating (and participating in) opportunities like these are important for bringing together people and issues, and collective power, at the policy level, community level and workplace level. These events can be key ways for vulnerable workers and ALL workers to be actively engaged in an OSH issue, and these events are important for raising awareness and presenting solutions to the community.
- I plan on volunteering to lead UNC housekeeping and grounds keeping staff stretching, aerobics, and strengthening at the beginning of their shifts to prevent injuries.
- I have attended some events hosted by UCLA LOSH and the most recent May Day rally. Now I'm linked up with a lot more labor-related orgs on social media, so I am exposed to a lot of OSH-related press releases, policy briefs, and event postings. After graduate school I would like to get more involved with Bay Area labor and economic justice movements.
- I am currently volunteering with the New York Taxi Worker Alliance until the Clinton Fellowship begins in a few weeks- where I will be working with tea farmers in Darjeeling, India. Both projects incorporate OSH and Urdu/Hindi language skills which I have been developing (through language fellowships in India) over the past two years. While in studying in India I apprenticed at a tailor shop and was able to apply OSH principles to understand and help improve the shop's environment. Before going to India I worked as an OSH researcher for Drexel University. In short, I was so impacted by my experience with OHIP that all of my work experience has involved OSH ever since.
- It influenced my decision to choose a graduate school with labor researchers.

- I plan to be active in my local OHN chapter as well as really pay closer attention to immigration matters as they greatly impact the worker populations that I am interested in. I also am waiting to hear whether my workshop submission was approved or not. I also hope to stay in touch with inspirational faculty as I move forward in my career, such as Dr. Bob Harrison, Dr. Dana Drew-Nord, Dr. Barbara Burgel, Dr. Soo-Jeong Lee & Patty Quinlan--- who were really supportive of my decision to pursue the OHIP internship.
- I've become more involved both professionally (in my roles at work) and personally in events that pertain to worker and community health issues, including attending community meetings, formal hearings, rallies, conferences, etc.
- OHIP and the connections made through OHIP brought me into the labor S&H community. Through this community, I have had the opportunity to attend various S&H events that have strengthened my personal connections to S&H folks. I plan to continue attending more and more S&H activities as I grow in my career.
- OSH intersects with many aspects of my life. My involvement in immigrant rights workshops, labor rights rallies, leading a college prep program for Latino youth in Indiana, or leading an afterschool program for young women of color with an emphasis on healthy lifestyles, OSH continues to be a lens through which I see and interact with the world.
- Yes; I have just become more aware of the work that needs to be done for worker health. This allows me to be more of an advocate for all workers' health and safety no matter the setting.
- After attending a few actions to support a partner organization with one of their worker campaigns, I'm now more likely to join actions/ rallies for political causes or take smaller steps like writing to or calling representatives.
- I am more involved in worker organizing and more knowledgeable about issues that affect occupational safety and the processes that have to happen to rectify those types of on the job issues.
- Yes, I try to keep in touch with the DC-area OSH scene. I haven't been attending as many political events recently, as I work full-time, but the lens through which I view labor, environment, and health has completely changed because of my involvement with this field.
- I am now involved in volunteer work with Put People First! PA, an organization fighting for universal healthcare in Pennsylvania. This organization primarily centers poor and working class people, and a lot of the immigrant rights and worker's rights organizing I witnessed during my OHIP internship in the Central Valley influenced my decision to be involved in this work.
- I'm more aware of worker's rights and participate in workshops and rallies

Overall, how would you rate your OHIP experience with your:

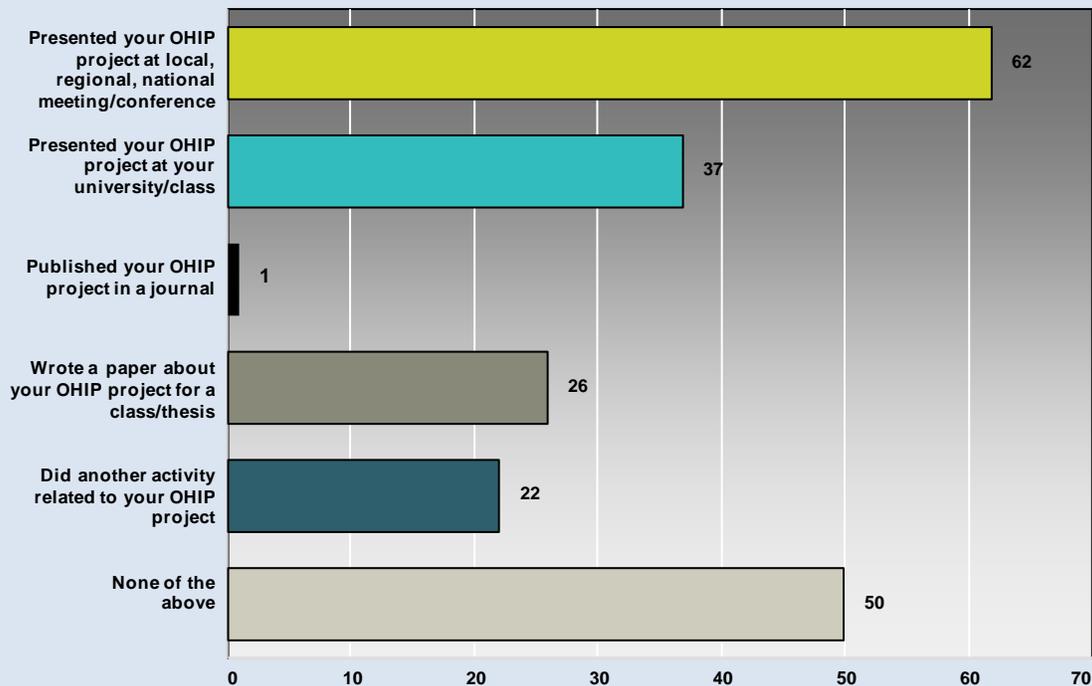


Please explain your responses (46 total responses):

- Linda Delp was instrumental in providing us (my OHIP partner) the advice and help we needed in conducting our field work assignments. Further, our host organization, UCLA LOSH, provided us a fun learning environment every week on certain occupational health topics. The weekly progress meetings really helped in hashing out the direction of our projects whenever we felt lost.
- The host org and Site Coordinator were very welcoming and interested in the work we were doing. Even when our internship ended, the group continued to implement the work that we had not been able to finish. When I followed up with the Site Coordinator, she was very happy to report that the project we began continued to be used by the organization due to its success.
- My site mentor and my site coordinator were an important piece of my OHIP experience. They each set expectations and gave us independence to accomplish goals for the worker organization but also meet the needs of OHIP as a program. My project partner and I trusted them and felt it comfortable and necessary to be guided by them throughout the summer, especially for our close work with a vulnerable working population and in a political environment. Both were readily available to us if there were any issues or questions and I would continue to call both of them my mentors.
- My supervisor, Alex Tom at CPA, was inspiring, hardworking, and passionate about worker health and safety. He really encouraged the other intern and I to get to know the Chinese immigrant workers well and to get involved at CPA by learning more about political organizing and improving our Chinese language skills.
- Kevin Riley was an amazing mentor. He has an immense amount of passion and energy. He truly cares about OHIP and the field of occupational health.
- Francisco Arzu is an incredible person both in the workplace and as an individual. He helped guide my personal, academic, and career development through his role as a host organization supervisor and later as a friend. Even after years after the internship had concluded, he was still there for me by sending invitations for events at city hall and writing a countless number of recommendation letters.
- David Harrington was amazing. He was such a good mentor and a wonderful site coordinator.
- Although Daniela Conde (the immigration attorney and former OHIP intern) was our lead site coordinator, we had a full team: Dr. Jocelyn Lewis (industrial hygiene), Michelle Lackovic (epidemiology) & Daniel Castellanos (immigration & labor community organizing). I think the richness of my experience last summer was very much due to the knowledge and dedication that each of these experts brought to the project.
- LOHP is amazing. So many great mentors. So smart and caring and helped so much
- My host site was welcoming and had a manageable project for me and the other OHIP intern to take ownership of for the duration of our eight week program. I appreciated that because I felt I was truly able to see the project through from start to finish. My site coordination, Matt London, was fantastic - consistently available to help or support us and also hilarious!

After the completion of your OHIP project, have you (indicate all that apply):

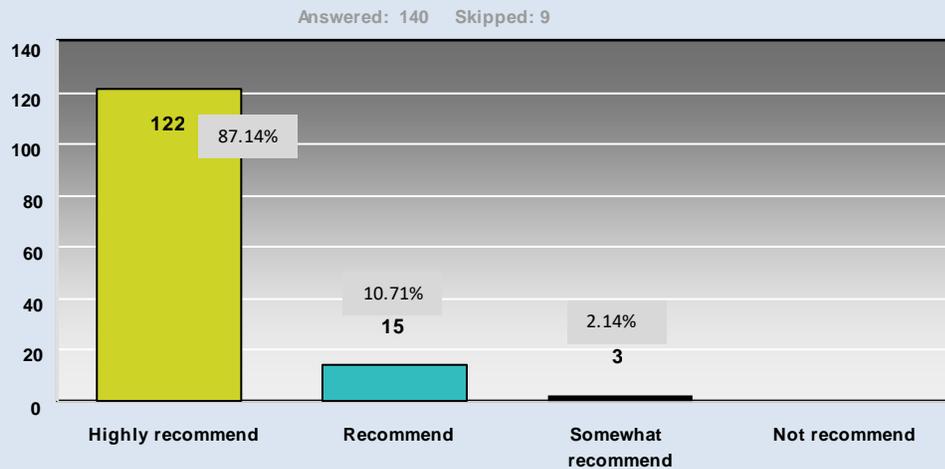
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If you presented your OHIP project at a local, regional, or national meeting/conference, indicate the meeting/conference name, date (year). If you published your OHIP project in a journal, indicate the journal name, title of article, and link to article if applicable. If you did another activity related to your OHIP project, please describe (42 total responses):

- I presented my OHIP project at the Louisiana Governor's Safety and Health Conference fall of 2015. I also presented at the Southern States' Occupational Health Network Meeting (SouthON) in spring of 2016.
- Construction Safety Conference, Chicago 2007.
- Presented my OHIP experience and project to: American Public Health Association annual meeting - 2010 United Association of Labor Education conference - 2010 American Industrial Hygienist Association Potomac Section Meeting-2009 George Washington University scientific poster contest (first place awarded) - 2009 Environmental Health & Exposure Assessment Workshop - 2008 National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health - 2008 New York Committee for Occupational Safety and Health - 2008 Presented my masters thesis (built off of my OHIP data and experience) to: George Washington University Environmental and Occupational Health Department - 2012 American Public Health Association annual meeting - 2011 Should have published but haven't...
- We created a report on our work with Chinese immigrant restaurant workers' health and safety for CPA that later led the groundwork for future research by UC Berkeley graduate students and worker organizing.
- Flores, M. J., & Smith, S. J. (2015, August). Addressing occupational health for low-wage workers in a community health care setting. Paper presented at the Southern California NIOSH Education and Research Center Symposium, Los Angeles, CA.
- I presented our OHIP project to the occupational & environmental health nursing students at UCSF in the Fall 2015. I also presented (along with other OHIP-sters) at the APHA 2015 Annual Conference in Chicago. Lastly, I was invited to present our OHIP project to the local Bay Area chapter of the AAOHN (American Association of Occupational Health Nurses) at their quarterly meeting in May 2016.
- Presented my OHIP project at APHA 2012. Interviewed by my university about my OHIP project - used to highlight students on the department website. <https://www.cals.ncsu.edu/agcomm/news-center/perspectives/internship-aids-defense-plant-workers/>
- This experience did inform my dissertation, which focused on Public Citizen's Health Research Group & the history of health advocacy, including the key role of labor groups.
- MN department of labor and industry monthly meeting in 2015; University of Minnesota NORA symposium in 2015.
- I presented at the EPA's Environmental Justice Conference in Detroit in 2012 (or 2013??).

Would you recommend OHIP to other students?



Please provide any comments that you think will help us evaluate/improve OHIP (28 total responses):

- If possible, one improvement may be to extend the duration of this internship experience.
- I thought it would have been helpful to have the internship period be longer but overall it really was great and I'm glad I had the opportunity to participate!
- Very nice to be able to stay local, so that my OHIP connections could continue past the internship, and so I could really learn about what's going on where I live.
- I recommend OHIP all the time. I have had several highly qualified students apply but have been turned away, usually due to space. OHIP needs more stable administrative and project funding in order to provide more projects -- there is a big pool of students/recent grads who are qualified and wanting exposure in this field. Not having to turn away such highly qualified candidates from a life and career altering experience would go a long way in improving working conditions for millions of people. This is especially relevant as union health and safety staff are retiring and looking for young qualified individuals to bolster the health and safety field with experience from the workers' perspective; and as worker centers are growing and have an opportunity to build more safety and health resources within and through partnerships. For programmatic improvement, I think OHIP should focus on securing strong site mentors and coordinators for each project. Project mentors have great influence on the direction and success of the project, and on keeping the project in line with the purpose and mission of OHIP. This piece can often make or break a student's experience in this internship.
- Some summer reading recommendations would be cool. I read *The Jungle* during my OHIP experience.
- More social media presence but otherwise and keep up the great work!
- I think one issue that OHIP needs to make more aware to students is obtaining IRB approval if they want to use their work for a thesis or to submit to a journal.
- I couldn't recommend OHIP enough. Maybe one suggestion to help improve it is to rethink the marketing of it. I applied pretty much on a whim, not thinking that I would be accepted or that it was super relevant to my background, but only after going through the orientation did I realize that it actually WAS very relevant to me and my interests/values. I've had a hard time talking to current students I know about this program who seem not turned on by it, and I'm not sure why, but throwing out lines to different fields and academic backgrounds and showing their connection to OSH could help.

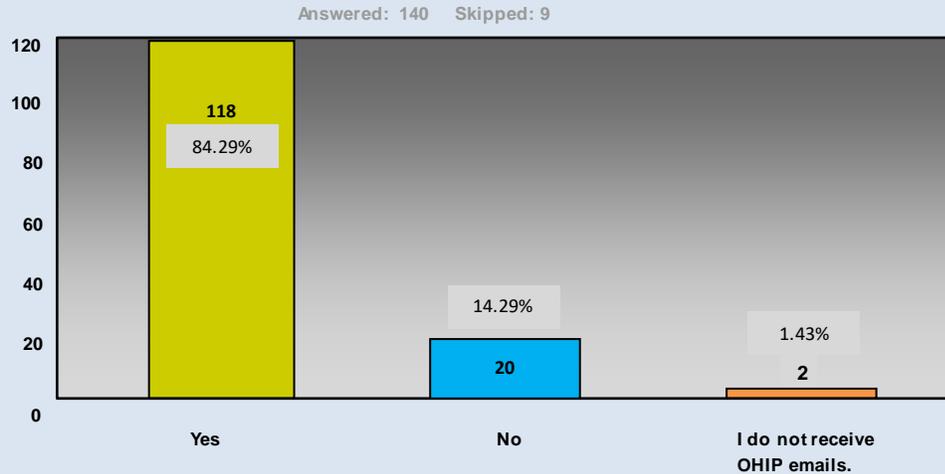
How is OHIP unique from other internship opportunities that you are familiar with?

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73 total responses:

- I love the fact that OHIP is not only hands on, but the training opportunity provided is GREAT!!! I interned at another program and it was nothing compared to OHIP.
- This internship has provided more autonomy than any projects I have handled.
- OHIP allowed me to have a first-hand experience with a social justice issues that I was passionate about. Previously, I had participated in many health internships that focused on health, but did not emphasize social justice as much as I would have liked. OHIP provided this unique experience for me -- I was able to see how I could help bridge the health and social justice issues that workers faced.
- It is way more hands on...you are not just sitting at a computer entering data, you are in the field actively interacting with the population you are "researching/serving".
- OHIP is not scripted; it is highly meaningful, works on groundbreaking issues, and has high impact for the health of working people and their families
- The opportunity to work within a community setting with university supervision and resources.
- OHIP was unique in that: -students participate in real, meaningful projects -participants are mentored by multiple people who are able to provide different perspectives -participants become part of a much larger network than a typical intern could expect -participants are encouraged to take their projects further (journals, conferences, etc.) -the work is extremely rewarding
- OHIP allows you to see a whole project through from start to finish - many other internships are slower-paced and show you just a slice of a longer-term project. Being able to see the entire project process is hugely helpful and makes OHIP a much better internship experience than others I've heard of from classmates or had myself.
- Hands on REAL world experience. No micromanaging, you have to figure things out on your own. There is a lot of support from others, but it is a challenging and rewarding learning experience because you know YOU did the work!
- I'm not sure how many internships offer both the social justice aspect by working directly with community organizations and the academic aspect by working with mentors with professional health and safety expertise. It's really the best of two different, but interlocking worlds.
- OHIP is unique from other internship opportunities because site coordinators are really invested in not only promoting professional growth but also establishing meaningful and lasting connections. I have participated in other internships where my participation and connection concludes when the internship ends. However, with OHIP, site coordinators and staff continue to engage and support our career goals even after the summer internship program ends.
- Having the connection/face time with workers was radically different than just reading about workers' experiences.
- I think OHIP is unique in that you are actually going into the field and immersing yourself in the work environment of these workers in order to come up with viable solutions for improving their health and safety. The internship also brings together people from different backgrounds to share their knowledge and ideas about how to improve the health and safety of these workers.
- As far as I know, it's the opportunity to work directly with workers and the expectation/requirement to produce something of tangible value to the workers that sets this internship apart from others...and to do so in a short time frame. Thus, as interns and site coordinators we must be really judicious with employing participatory-based research methods in the work.
- I appreciate that it's both paid and social justice oriented. It also integrates a lot of team/community building, and love that the training and orientation is grounded in popular education models!
- It is very hands on, interns really get to go out and apply the information not just use it to relate hypothetical situations.
- Interns with OHIP aren't the bottom of the barrel at their orgs like how other internships seem to run. We didn't spend our days making copies or stuffing envelopes. I felt truly valued as a potential new face in a fascinating field, and I think that's why I wanted to stick with it.
- Very hands on, self-directed, lots of field work and learning opportunities, work with diverse groups of people, feel like you are actually serving the community.

If you receive OHIP emails about OSH opportunities from Sarah Jacobs (National Program Coordinator), are they helpful/useful?



If YES, have you applied or found a job, or attended/participated in an OSH event/webinar as a result of the emails? And/or would you like to see other topics covered in the OHIP emails? Please explain (51 total responses):

- Sarah's emails help me stay abreast of jobs and activities that OHIP is involved in. I have communicated a lot of the information to others who may be interested in the internship. Links to news/current events would be interesting
- I appreciate the emails and always read them carefully, follow links, and scope out events. When I am again in the job hunting process I will definitely use OHIP emails as a resource.
- I really like the e-mails because they keep me informed about what is happening in the worker health and safety world.
- It's a great way to stay up to date with events and also to find out about employment opportunities that are not available through other channels.
- Yes, I have applied to several jobs from the OHIP emails. I have not been selected for any of these jobs but I have been interviewed.
- I found my job at AOEC through the OHIP emails!
- It keeps me in the loop about events and brings some nostalgia about my time there.
- Sarah's e-mails are so informative and helpful. These updates help keep me in the loop on what's going on in the field, job opportunities, and the incredible progress of OHIP. Out of all the internships and programs that I have participated in, OHIP does the best job of staying in regular contact with alumni. I love it!
- I have participated in OSH events/webinars as a result of the emails. And the job announcements are key. The job listings pulled together are one of the more comprehensive lists for labor-minded S&H work. When thinking about a job for myself or anyone else, the OHIP alum emails and unionjobs.com are my first stops. Other topics: Workers
- Thank you Sarah!! I love keeping up with current OHIP and seeing so many opportunities for us. Please do add more opportunities for new grads, such as myself, for I find myself not qualified (mainly due to years in the field) quite often unfortunately.
- Yes I have applied to some of the opportunities that have been presented to us. Also, it would be great to see more Toxicology, Risk Assessment posts as well.
- I am currently in the job market so the email helps me see the opportunities available that I would otherwise not know.