# Virtual Internships and Recruiting Practices: Students' Unvarnished Assessment



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## To Set the Stage...



#### For the Record...

- SRG is an independent research firm; no alliances or nor influencers
- Background in Admissions, Early Talent Recruiting leader
- Significant historical data and perspective on UR issues
- Contrarian point of view: I tell you what students tell me
- Fall 2020 student research projects:
  - 'Impact of the Virtual Internship Experience' [IVIE]
  - 'Virtual Recruiting: What Worked, What Didn't and WHY?' [W3D]



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# Impact of the Virtual Internship Experience

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### IVIE Project Parameters

- Fielding dates: November 16 December 18, 2020
- 182 participants to date
- Schools:

Babson Universities of:

Carnegie Mellon California – Berkeley

Colorado State Georgia

Indiana Maryland – Baltimore County

Kansas State Michigan

Penn State Southern California

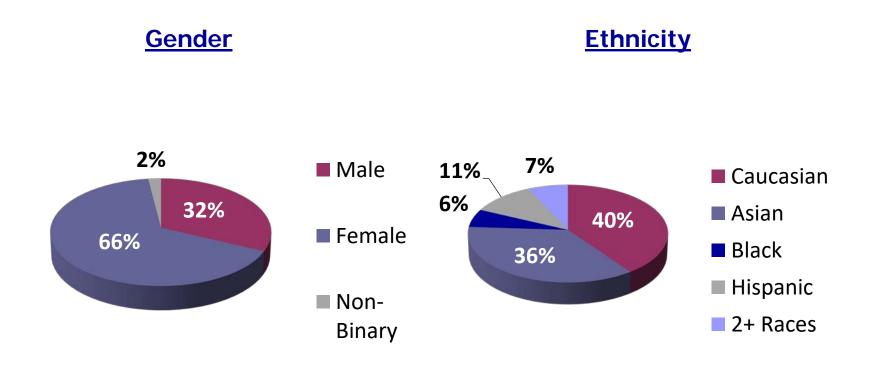
Purdue Texas - Austin
Rutgers Washington

Utah State Worcester Polytech

Comparator data: Internship Experience Influence and Impact [2018]



### Participant Demographics





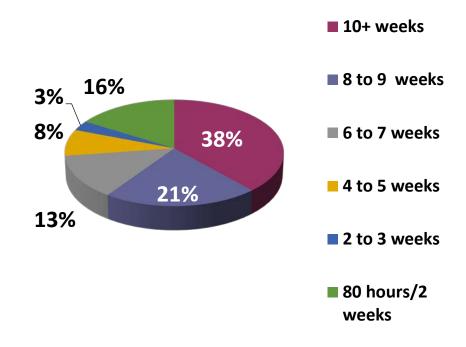
#### Academic Concentration/Job Search Status

#### **Concentration**

# 23% 30%

■ Business ■ Engineering ■ IT/CS ■ Liberal Arts

#### **Internship Duration**





### Representative Internship Employers























































# Comparative Program Elements



### Internship Assessment Factors

Program Administration Factors

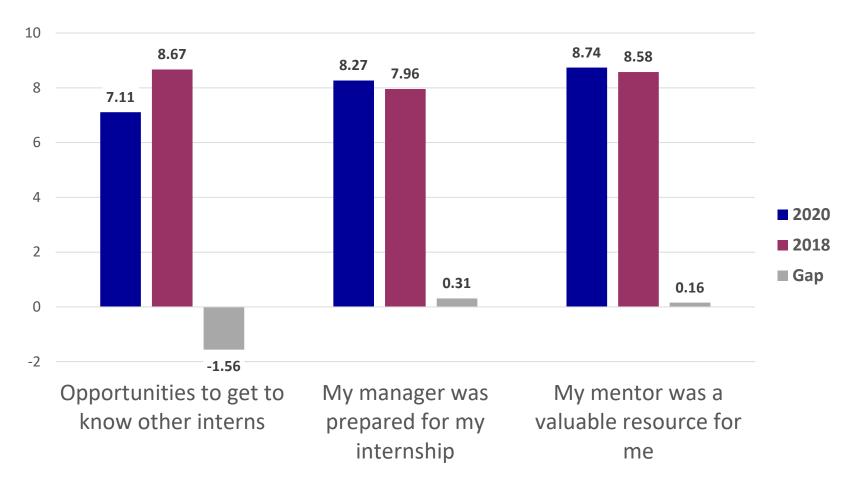
Intern Management Factors

Assignment Factors

Company Culture and Work Environment

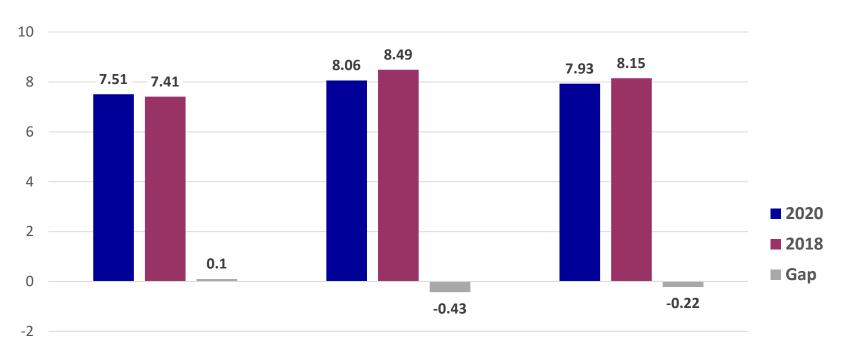


## Selected Program Administration, Intern Management Comparative Data





#### Selected Internship Assignment Comparative Data



I had enough to do

Clear understanding of I was challenged by my

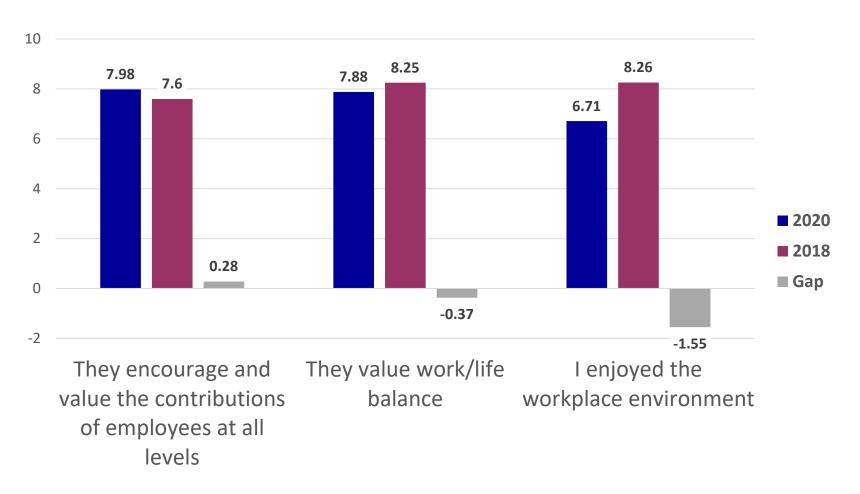
how my work internship assignment

contributed to team

goals



#### Selected Company Culture Comparative Data

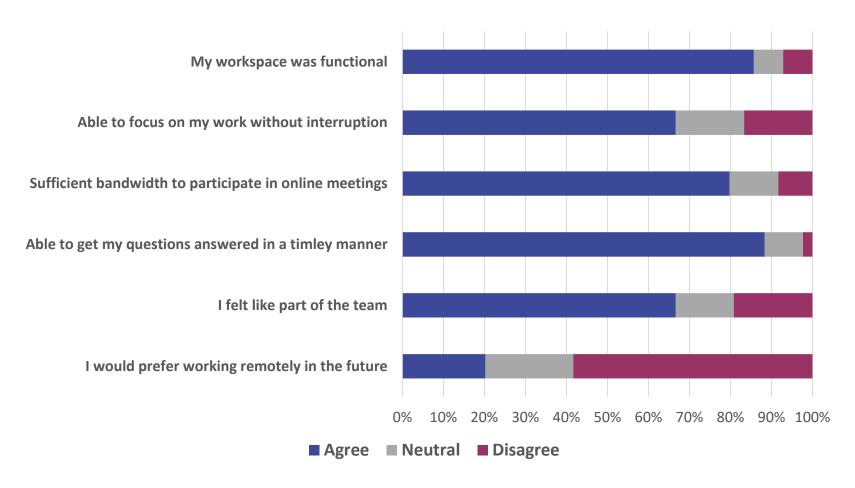




# Comparative Impact Factors



## Virtual Experience Agreement Ratings





### Comparative Impact of Internship Perks

#### 2020: Virtual Internships

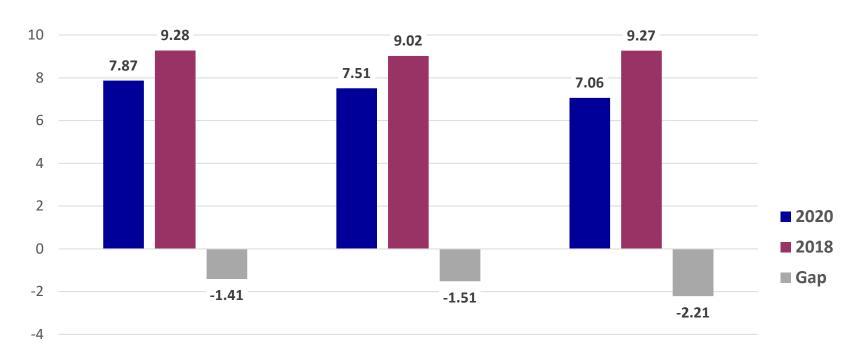
#### Extensive onboarding program Fun online activities, e.g. talent shows, trivia Intern-only social events, e.g. Zoom happy hours Meetings with senior leadership Professional development courses/experiences Project presentation to management 20% 40% 60% 80% 100% ■ Impactful ■ Not Impactful ■ Did Not Experience

#### 2018: On-Site Internships





#### Selected Comparative Impact Factors



Had the opportunity to see what it's really like to work at this company

Would recommend interning at this company to others

Strengthened my interest in working for this company



# Fall 2020 Virtual Recruiting: What Worked, What Didn't – and WHY?

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### **Project Parameters**

Survey fielded at twenty universities:

Babson College

Baylor Carnegie Mellon

Colorado State

Indiana

Kansas State

Penn State

Purdue

Rutgers

Texas A&M

**Utah State** 

University of:

California – Berkeley

Georgia

Maryland – Baltimore County

Michigan – Ann Arbor Southern California

Tennessee

Texas - Austin

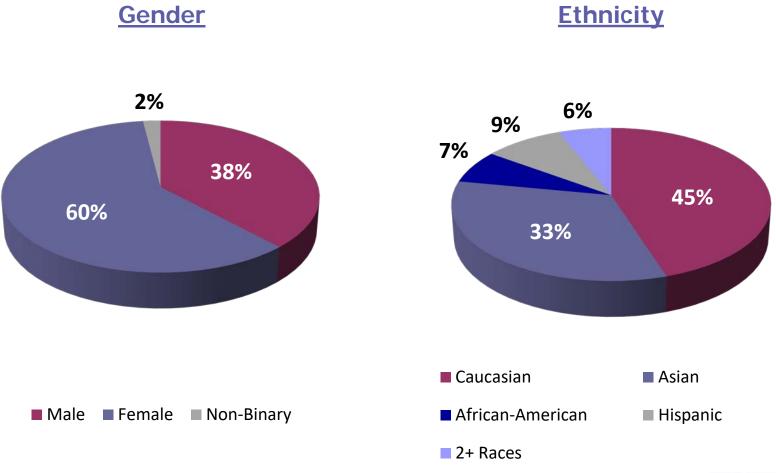
Washington

Worcester Polytech

- Fielding period from November 15 December 18, 2020
- 305 participants



### Participant Demographics

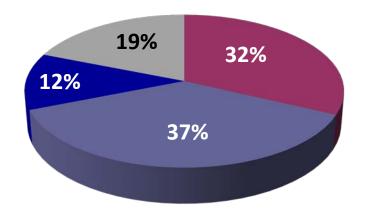


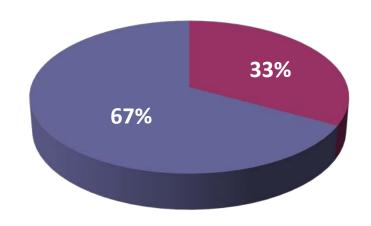


### Participant Profile [cont'd]

#### **Academic Concentration**

#### **Job Search Status**





■ Business ■ Engineering ■ IT/CS ■ Liberal Arts

■ Full-time ■ Intern



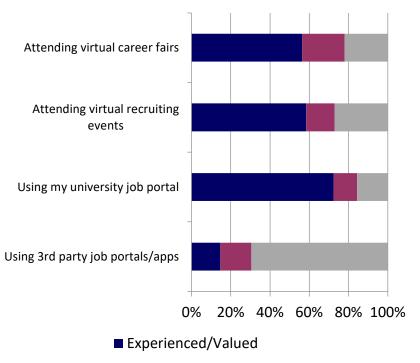
#### Force Rank: Value of Communication Channels

	Rank	Average Rating
Email directly from an employer		3.34
Email [or DM] from an employer via LinkedIn		4.16
Interaction at virtual career fairs	3	4.63
Email from an employer via Handshake/university portal	4	4.82
Interaction at virtual webinars or webcasts		5.08
Phone call from an employer	6	5.22
Email from my school's alum	7	5.29
Text message from an employer [unsolicited]		6.95
Employer postings on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram		7.05
Third-party portals/job matching apps		7.69



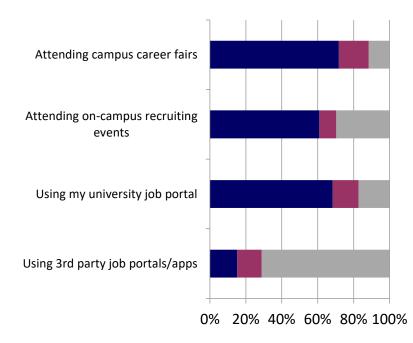
### Comparative Valuing of Recruiting Tools

#### 2020: Virtual Recruiting



- Experienced/Did NOT Value
- Did Not Experience

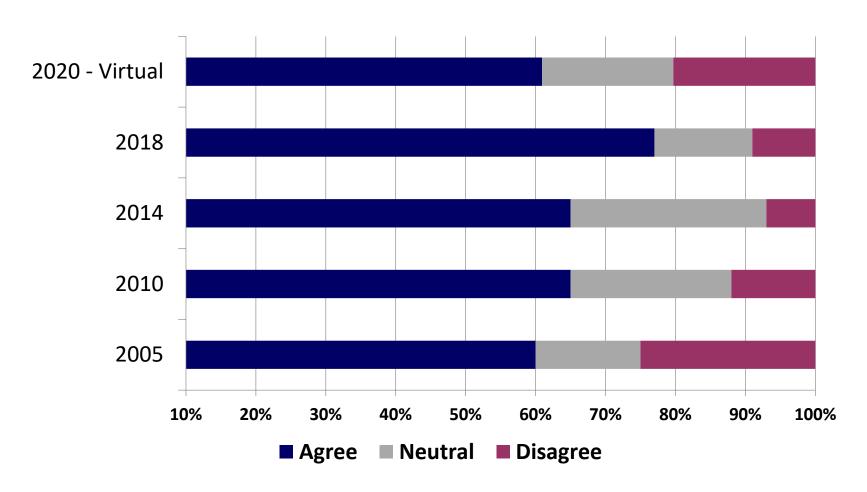
#### 2019: On-Site Recruiting



- Experienced/Valued
- Experienced/Did NOT Value
- Did Not Experience

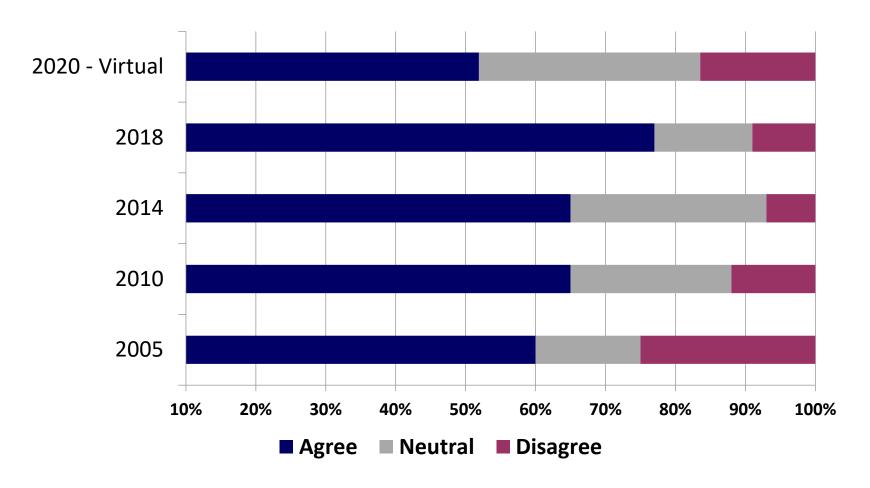


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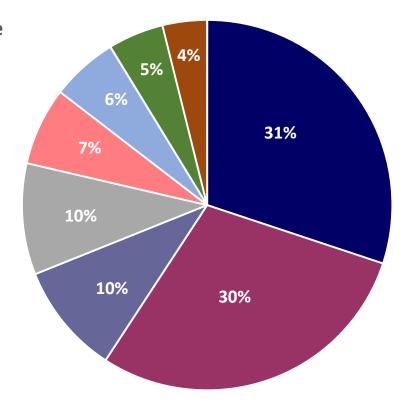
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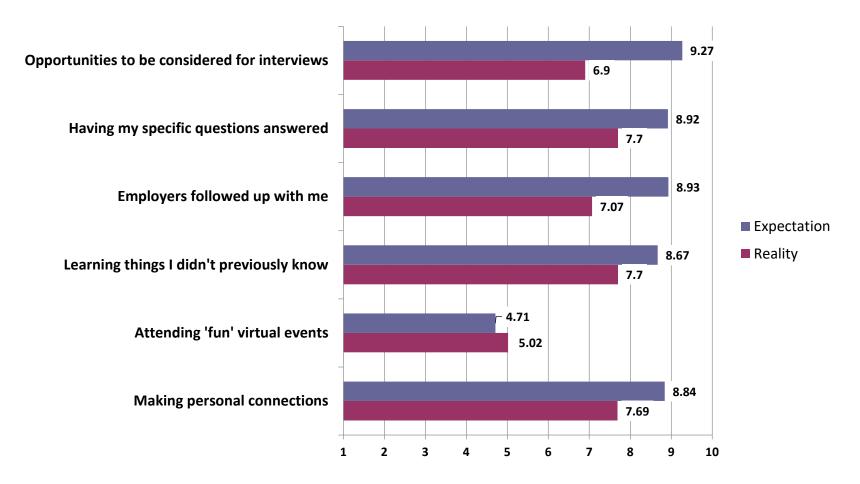
# Registered for a Virtual Recruiting Event but Didn't Attend

- Decided it wasn't a good use of my time
- **■** Conflicts/Other priorities
- Lost interest in the employer
- **■** Too many virtual events
- **■** Forgot about it
- Will watch the recording later
- **■** Technical issue
- Other



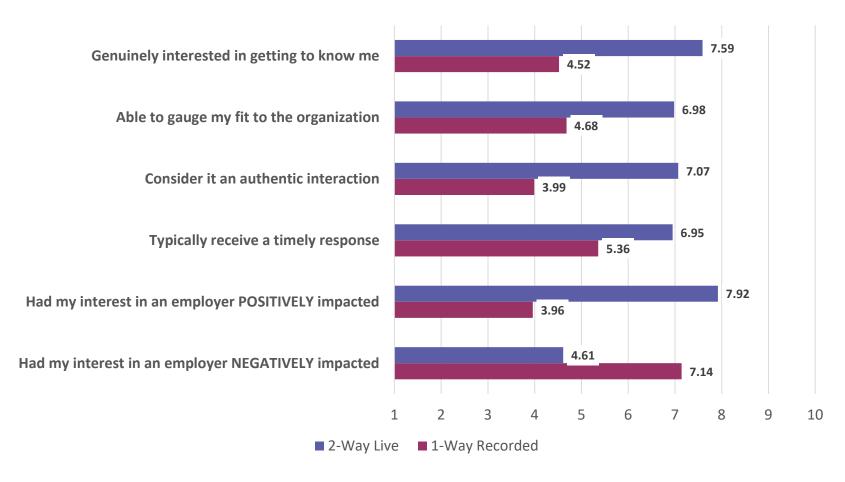


#### Virtual Recruiting Events: Expectations versus Reality



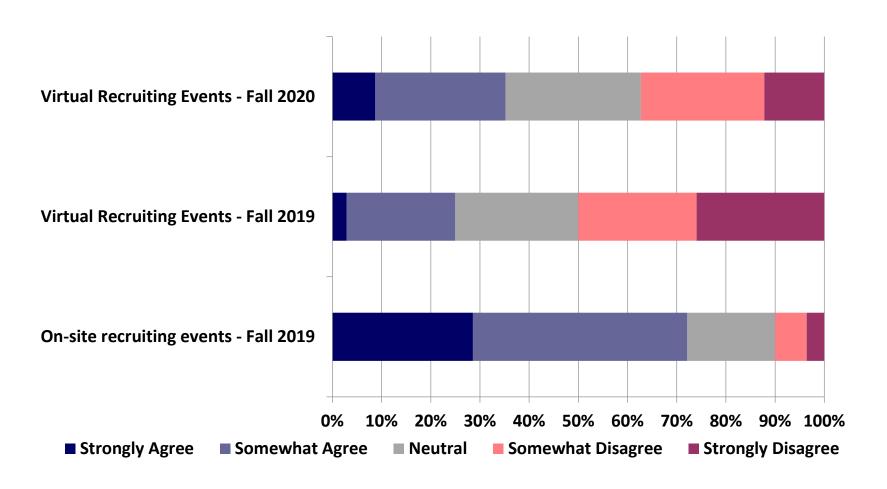


#### Video Interviewing Platform Assessment: 2020





#### Students' Assessment of Virtual Recruiting Authenticity





# **Questions and Discussion**



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