

Cornell's Center for Advanced Human Resource Studies

Targeted Benchmarking on Candidate Experience



CAHRS Partners have the opportunity to benchmark with other partner companies on HR topics of interest. The benchmarking is typically conducted with 5-7 other CAHRS Partners selected by the company that initiated the request. The CAHRS office identifies the appropriate connections at selected companies and the benchmarking company then schedules 1:1 phone calls to explore their questions.

Examples of recent requests include: Sponsorship Initiatives, Organization Designs and Structures, Diversity Metrics, Talent Management Practices, Competency Models and a variety of HR Policy Questions (i.e. Relocation, Cost of Living, Airline Mile Usage, etc.).

CAHRS partners find this more qualitative approach to benchmarking very valuable for revealing novel insights and practices, as well as for building their network. At the conclusion of the process, the benchmarking company shares an anonymized summary of their findings with the participating companies and CAHRS, who then makes them available so all partners can benefit from the learning.



Company B	Company C	Company D					
Do you conduct a Candidate Experience survey for applicants and/or candidates?							
Yes	Yes	Yes					
		pply? Those who make it to a					
All who apply	We survey candidates at the phone screen and onsite interview stages	We survey all candidates who are brought in for an on-site interview to meet with the hiring manager and designated panel					
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t include, please		1					
Yes	Exceptions include executive recruiting and our high volume (fulfillment center) roles.	We exclude campus, production and executive					
v? (i e Survey M	onkey HRIS system etc	1					
		Survey Monkey but email the					
veriiit	platform tool; results aggregated and housed in an internal dashboard by our Recruiting Analytics team.	survey is sent through Workday					
do vou see succ	esswith?						
Multiple choice	We have a set of questions on a Likert scale and then 2 free form (what did you like/what could we do better) questions. We get meaningful feedback on the written comments in addition to the other questions.	All of our questions are required for the taker to answer					
	rence survey for a Yes rence	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes					

•	Impact: actionable timely						
	insights allow Recruiter or						
	Business to course-correct						
	Brand: helps communicate						
	to candidates that we care						
	and are listening						
•	Time savings: auto-						
	distributed surveys eliminate						
	~300 hours of work annually						
•	Data: Shorter, more-timely						
	surveys = better response						
	rate?						
	at questions/types of questions	don't yield the					
	es of questions; Application,		I don't really think	N/A			
	rview, Overall Process, would		we have any that aren't useful.				
	refer a friend, open Iments		aren t usetui.				
	<3% are negatively						
	responding, which helps us						
	understand that this isn't						
	over burdensome, it's a						
	manageable amount of real						
	time sentiment we could						
	better follow up on and						
	interact with to turn the						
	experience around.						
•	Obviously, the change is still						
	fairly recent so it's difficult to						
	tell you what's not yielding a						
	good response.						
	good respense.						
What is your average response rate for the survey?							
	the old survey we had been	12%	Ranges from 45-50%	Unfortunately, because we send			
	ning at 30% which was now in			the communication through			
decl	ine (lowest point of 11%)			Workday and the results are housed through Survey Monkey,			
	On the new survey we have			we haven't figured out how to			
	a 12% RR at both the pulse			capture the response rate.			
	points. Clearly, we need to						
	find a way to improve on						
	this.						
	uns.						

Ongoing based on our ATS statuses, as they get updated the surveys are triggered	At each change in candidate status	We send it out to individual candidates post event but have some rules so as to avoid candidates getting surveyed more than once within certain timeframe.	The survey is sent out real time, after the candidates reach their final disposition.						
What is your process for assessing do you share the results with?)	What is your process for assessing and sharing the results? (i.e. Who assesses and reviews the results? Who								
Data is made available monthly in the TA metrics portal (TA, HR, HM visibility) but we are working on building the real time sentiment analysis so we can feed real time insights to the recruiter so they can course correct in the moment. This is still a WIP.	Results reviewed and shared from a central recruiting governance organization	Our central recruiting analytics team produces a dashboard that is visible to all talent acquisition team members and the all up results are benchmarked across teams/businesses on monthly cadence in regular business reviews.	Our TA Manager owns the Survey Monkey account so she reviews weekly and monthly. She reviews weekly as we have a question that asks if the candidate would like someone from the TA team to reach out to them.						
Have been able to make improvements to the recruiting process as a result of the candidate experience survey? What types of improvements have you been able to implement?									
We developed a Candidate experience training month where we leveraged the feedback to remind our recruiters of all of the best practices during the W2W process. Communication is a clear 'consider'. We drive focus on ensuring IV candidates get feedback We have automated disposition emails rather than just asking the candidate to check status in the portal – this should follow the verbal feedback conversation. The language is more 'current' & less robotic in style. We created videos which are available of the careers site	Yes, Application simplification	Yes. One notable result was candidate comments indicating frustration in length of time to hear back from the recruiting team. This led to introduction of SLA's for response time for both phone screen and onsite interview and reporting to audit the compliance with SLA. We have been able to hit/exceed SLA and see reduction in candidate comments on this issue as a result.	Too early to tell						

to help set expectations on							
the process.							
Where we have more senior							
recruiters, we ask that they							
take negative sentiment that							
our candidates share to							
coach HM behavior.							
We developed a HM							
Ambassador training which							
we run monthly, focusing on							
the IV & candidate							
experience.							
Are you a Global Company? If yes, do you use the same survey/method for the other regions?							
Yes & Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, the same survey is used for all				
			regions.				
We are looking to also create a Hiring Manager survey later this year, do you also conduct surveys to assess Hiring Leader satisfaction with the recruitment process? If so, would you be willing to							
participate in a similar intervi			rould you be willing to				
Yes, we do but we are about	Yes & Yes	HM Satisfaction is	We also launched a Hiring Process				
to switch this off, only		done ad-hoc. No	satisfaction survey through Survey				
because of the move to		consistent surveying	Monkey at the same time as our				
Workday & all the change management efforts needed.		at this time.	Candidate Experience Survey.				
We'll work on enhancing the							
HM survey during this period							
with a goal to being able to							
deliver on actionable							
outcomes.							