THE STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

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WHAT FACTOR(S) PRIMARILY **AFFECTED** YOUR **DECISION** TO ACCEPT **THIS OFFER?**

Factors Rated within the Top 3

- Opportunities for Career Advancement
- Geographic location (climate, population, family/friends, etc.)
- Salary and benefits package

Others mentioned: Job/work responsibilities • Organization's mission and culture • Duration of position aligns with my future educational goal • Quality of work colleagues • Quality of work/life balance • Work model (i.e., remote, in-person, hybrid) • Organization's mission and culture • Opportunity to apply academic skills





STUDENT FEEDBACK



Expectations of Future Opportunities

- Rotational programs a plus
 - Not ideal if too many geographic moves
- In-person with flexibility
- Cohort experience
- Strong manager/supervisor
- Access to leadership
- Opportunities to apply theoretical knowledge to actual projects
- Clear mechanisms of support



RECOMMENDATIONS



Focus on L&D opportunities

- Coaching, informal mentoring (also appeal of rotational programs)
- Feature stability and job security
 - Not just perks
- Clarify professional trajectory
 - Timeline of progression and what supports help
- Be transparent about D&I
 - Status, progress, pitfalls and what are you doing about it
 - Affinity groups
 - Image of local community
- Highlight CSR and ESG efforts
 - Sourcing, supply chain, impact on communities, volunteerism
- Leverage CAHRS connections in class and via recruiting

Sources: https://business.linkedin.com/talent-solutions,

https://www.naceweb.org/career-development/student-attitudes/the-class-of-2023-career-preparation-plans-and-expectations/

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