

Conference Attendance Survey

This survey asks ~25 people about their experiences attending scientific conferences. Participation is voluntary and anonymized results may be shared in a publication, in a grant proposal, or in a talk. Email Anna (aritz@reed.edu) if you have questions. Thanks!

1. What year in school are you?

Mark only one oval.

- First year
- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior
- Graduated
- Transferred
- Other: _____

2. What is/was your major?

3. If you have graduated or transferred, what are you doing now?

Conference Information

4. What conference(s) did you attend?

Check all that apply.

- ACM-BCB
- ASCB
- BOSC
- CCS
- Murdock Research Conference
- PacNoW Quantitative Biology
- SICB
- Other: _____

5. When did you go to your first conference?

Mark only one oval.

- This academic year (2018-19)
- Last academic year (2017-18)
- Three years ago (2016-17)
- Four years ago (2015-16)
- > 4 years ago

11. How much did you feel you learned about...

Mark only one oval per row.

	1 - Learned nothing	2	3	4	5 - Learned a ton	Not Applicable
the conference topic?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
academic research?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
other types of institutions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
graduate school?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
scientific careers?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
professional networking?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
professional travel?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Conference Impact

Consider conference attendance in general, including others you may have attended.

12. Did conference attendance help you clarify your future interests (major, job, career)?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes, I became MORE interested in conference topic & career opportunities
- Yes, I became LESS interested in conference topic & career opportunities
- The topic was interesting, but DIDN'T CHANGE my future interests
- Topic/conference wasn't interesting and didn't change my future interests
- Other: _____

13. If the conference helped clarify your future interests, please describe how.

14. Were there any hardships?

Check all that apply.

- Financial: out-of-pocket costs, had to wait for reimbursements, etc.
- Logistics: had to figure out travel, attendance, etc.
- Time: missed important events, it was at an inconvenient time in the year
- Missed Courses: had to make up work, travel affected performance in other classes
- Other: _____

15. How much were you negatively impacted by these hardships?

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Not impacted at all	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Majorly impacted

16. **Given the chance, would you attend another conference?**

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

Feedback for Improvement

I'm working to make conference attendance better, and hope to release a guide for first-time conference attendees. Your feedback will help other students, both at Reed and across the country.

17. **What advice helped you when you attended your first conference?**

18. **What did you wish you knew before going to your first conference?**

19. **Is there anything that faculty can do to help make the experience better?**

20. **Please describe anything else that would be useful to know.**
