

**2005 Venture Summer Institute  
Poverty & Wealth: Imagining the American City  
Program evaluation**

Thank you for filling out this program evaluation! Because this was the first year that we offered this program, your feedback is especially important for the Institute Coordinators and Venture Board. Please return this form via email or postal mail by September 20.

**I. Personal Information (optional):**

**A. Name / Expected Year of Graduation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Venture School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Today's date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Program Outreach, Publicity and Recruitment:**

**A. Outreach, publicity, and recruitment for the program was adequate on my campus. (Circle one.)**

1 (Strongly disagree)   2 (Disagree)   3 (Neutral)   4 (Agree)   5 (Strongly agree)

**Please explain (Do you have any suggestions for additional outreach and publicity for the future?):**

**B. How did you hear about the Venture Summer Institute? Why did you decide to apply?**

**C. The expectations I had for the program were met.**

1 (Strongly disagree)   2 (Disagree)   3 (Neutral)   4 (Agree)   5 (Strongly agree)

**Please explain:**

**III. Overall Program Design & Framework:**

**A. The program accomplished its stated emphasis: “The 2005 Venture Summer Institute will give a small group of students from Venture Consortium schools the opportunity to work in an urban context and consider methods of effective engagement in public life and ethical obligations to social responsibility.”**

1 (Strongly disagree)      2 (Disagree)      3 (Neutral)      4 (Agree)      5 (Strongly agree)

**Please explain what facilitated this process? For example:**

(1) How did the overall program design – program goals & central framing questions, internship placement, seminars, readings, required prompt questions, weekly dinners, final project, etc. – address this for you?

(2) How successfully did the Institute Coordinators, your internship supervisor, the seminar facilitators, and/or the other program participants engage you in your process of learning this summer?:

**B. Please rate the various aspects of the program in terms of their importance to the overall program design and their impact on your learning; you may use a rating number more than once (you don't have to rank the list):**

1 (lowest rating)      2      3 (Neutral)      4      5 (highest rating)

Internship placement: \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday seminars: \_\_\_\_\_

Optional readings: \_\_\_\_\_

Required prompt questions: \_\_\_\_\_

Optional prompt questions: \_\_\_\_\_

Weekly community dinners: \_\_\_\_\_

Optional group meals: \_\_\_\_\_

Orientation: \_\_\_\_\_

Final project presentations: \_\_\_\_\_

Final project product: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please explain:**

**IV. Internship Placement:**

**A. Please rate the following experiences with regards to your internship placement:**

1 (Strongly disagree)    2 (Disagree)    3 (Neutral)    4 (Agree)    5 (Strongly agree)

**My experience with the placement was worthwhile with regards to:**

The supervision of my supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ (Enter the appropriate # listed above.)

The responsibilities I was given: \_\_\_\_\_

The projects I worked on: \_\_\_\_\_

The issues that I was exposed to: \_\_\_\_\_

The organization as a whole: \_\_\_\_\_

What I learned in the placement overall: \_\_\_\_\_

The impact that I had on the mission & goals of the organization: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please explain your response to any/all of the above:**

**B. What did you like most about your internship? Least?**

**C. What knowledge and/or skills did you gain from your internship experience?**

**D. Would you recommend your supervisor and placement for future program participants? Why or why not?**

**V. Seminars:**

**A. The weekly seminars were a valuable aspect of the program.**

1 (Strongly disagree)    2 (Disagree)    3 (Neutral)    4 (Agree)    5 (Strongly agree)

**Please explain:**

**B. Please rate the seminars in terms of their effectiveness in addressing the program's central questions and their impact on your learning; you may use a rating number more than once (you don't have to rank the list):**

1 (lowest rating)    2    3 (Neutral)    4    5 (highest rating)

- \* Economic development & introduction to the city of Providence (Pat McGuigan/Providence Plan & Linda Katz/Poverty Institute): \_\_\_\_\_
- \* The non-profit sector, community organizing, & activism (Bill Meinhofer): \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Urban public education (Carrie Mauer & Brian Baldizar/PPSD; Dילania Inoa, Providence School Board): \_\_\_\_
- \* Walking tour of Providence / urban revitalization & gentrification (Peter Hocking): \_\_\_\_\_
- \* DCYF & the Latino community (Patricia Martinez/DCYF): \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Cultural and socio-economic issues in urban redevelopment (Julian Dash & Mackay Miller/Puente): \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Exploring the socially-responsible career path (Kath Connolly): \_\_\_\_\_

**Please explain any/all of your answers in more detail:**

**VI. Intentional Community:**

**A. The program included a structure and activities – during the program orientation and afterwards – that were effective in building community amongst the group and in facilitating a process of learning from one another:**

1 (Strongly disagree)    2 (Disagree)    3 (Neutral)    4 (Agree)    5 (Strongly agree)

**B. Please describe your experience with the group (What aspects of the group experience did you find most valuable? What aspects did you find least valuable? What aspects needed more attention?):**

## **VII. Reflection & Learning Process:**

**A. The weekly prompt questions for the community dinners, on the WebCT space, and for our own choosing to address on our own were effective in facilitating or deepening my learning process:**

1 (Strongly disagree)   2 (Disagree)   3 (Neutral)   4 (Agree)   5 (Strongly agree)

**B. Did you find the WebCT web space a useful mechanism for reflection and group dialogue? Why or why not?**

**C. The final project – preparing the public presentation and reproducible product, listening to the other participants' presentations – was an effective method of reflection and for synthesizing my central questions and concerns.**

1 (Strongly disagree)   2 (Disagree)   3 (Neutral)   4 (Agree)   5 (Strongly agree)

**Please explain:**

## **VIII. Program Structure and Support:**

### **A. Orientation:**

**1. What would you have liked to have known more about before the program began or during the program orientation?**

### **B. Institute Facilitators, Program Coordinators, Academic Mentors:**

**1. Please describe your experience with the support of:**

Your on-campus program coordinator (Michael Wisnewski, Alan Flam, Bill Meinhofer, Barb Verrier, Irene King, Pam Heintz):

Your chosen program faculty advisor / academic mentor:

The Venture office (Peggy Chang, Ken DeBlois):

**C. Access to Brown University facilities:**

**1. Did you use the libraries, computer center, and/or athletic center? ( YES / NO)**

**IX. Program impact / Overall program assessment:**

**A. Describe what you experienced and learned as a result of your participation in the 2005 Venture Summer Institute – your understanding of the questions and issues raising during the program, your knowledge about yourself, etc.)**

**B. Looking back, what feature(s) of the Venture Summer Institute program had the greatest impact on you?**

**C. Looking forward, what impact do you think the program will have on the rest of your academic career and other goals (post-graduation plans, graduate school, overall outlook, etc.)?**

**D. What suggestions do you have for improving the program?**

**E. Would you recommend the program to others? Why or why not?**

