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Ninety-six per cent of those who employed student interns from The Evergreen State College last Spring felt the students "were an asset to them and their organization."

The figure is the result of a poll taken by the Evergreen Office of Cooperative Education which places more than 200 interns per quarter in a variety of business, industry, governmental and community organizations. Some 200 field supervisors were invited to respond to the poll and 113 of them actually did.

Of the 113 respondents, 96 per cent also reported they would consider accepting another intern, and 98 per cent felt that the intern program was "a viable and positive approach to education and should be expanded as the college grows."

Co-op Director Ken Donohue said 94 per cent of the intern employers felt the internship was "a real learning experience worthy of academic credit," and 79 per cent said that if the intern were graduating soon they would consider hiring him/her on a permanent basis.

Donohue also reported that nearly half of the intern employers polled reported their organization had given the student special company-sponsored training beyond the normal supervision provided by their field supervisors.

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