Moxie Project Survey Results: Student Surveys

Q1: How would you rate your overall experience with the Moxie Project?

2017: Poor (0), Fair (0), Good (0), Great (2), Excellent (3)

* Comments:
  + “I really enjoyed this opportunity and I'm thankful that I was exposed to many of the different feminist organizations doing work here. Overall, I do feel like I learned a lot, particularly from the summer internship portion and the seminars. The class aspect of the Moxie Project, I wasn't the biggest fan of, but I would still do the program again if I could. I was really happy that the program let me focus in on one thing over the summer. During the school year, I feel like I'm always spreading myself too thin, but this really gave me an opportunity to do something I hadn't done anything like before.”

Q2: How would you rate your experience with the class portion of the Moxie Project?

2017: Poor (0), Fair (3), Good (0), Great (1), Excellent (1)

* Comments:
  + “I feel like Women's Studies 101 should have been a prerequisite for this course (that would have saved hearing about several concepts get re-explained in a rudimentary fashion and take up class time.”
  + “Honestly, the class content wasn't bad, but the class tried to cover way too much material. A different topic every week meant that we hardly discussed the hundreds of pages of reading and that we never got to really discuss a topic beyond how far Rachel wanted us to see it.”
  + “The class followed the "wave" model of feminism, which seems kind of outdated considering the directions that WGST are moving in.”
  + “I think it is worth mentioning that this class didn't feel built for people like me (POC).”

Q3: How would you rate your experience with the seminar portion of the Moxie Project, including the readings, discussions, and site visits?

2017: Poor (0), Fair (0), Good (0), Great (2), Excellent (3)

* Comments:
  + “I really liked the reading. I enjoyed how the seminar portion gave us the opportunity to learn a wider range of topics than a typical intern experience.”
  + “I really enjoyed getting to meet up once a week with the fellow Moxies and check in. I thought this was actually one of the most valuable parts of the program. I felt like our discussions were interesting and that in a lot of ways we represented a support system for each other as we navigated work environments. It was really cool to learn about the other organizations that other Moxies were working at. Although I enjoyed working at my organization, I think the seminar portions were my favorite part of the program-- I just really like seminar settings and feel that they are conducive to my learning.”

Q4: How would you rate your experience with the internship portion of the Moxie Project?

2017: Poor (0), Fair (0), Good (2), Great (1), Excellent (2)

* Comments:
  + “I really liked working at my internship site. I felt like the pace of my program was well suited to my work style. My supervisor was very understanding and was willing to take the time to explain the process of how to do something if I wasn't familiar with it. I feel like I gained a lot of design skills regarding publicity materials, and also that I gained more experience planning events and programming. I liked being the only Moxie working at my site, because it really made me step out of my shell and introduce myself to the other folks in my office.”

Q5: Overall Program Experience: Please rate the extent to which you agree with the following statements.

* My experience as a Moxie Scholar has increased my leadership skills:
  + 2017:
    - Strongly Disagree (0)
    - Disagree (0)
    - Neither Agree nor Disagree (0)
    - Agree (3)
    - Strongly Agree (2)
* I feel I am better prepared to enter the professional world after my experience with The Moxie Project:
  + 2017:
    - Strongly Disagree (1)
    - Disagree (0)
    - Neither Agree nor Disagree (0)
    - Agree (1)
    - Strongly Agree (2)
* The Moxie Project helped me to integrate my academic experiences with community engagement and professional skills:
  + 2017:
    - Strongly Disagree (0)
    - Disagree (0)
    - Neither Agree nor Disagree (0)
    - Agree (2)
    - Strongly Agree (3)
* The Moxie Project has enabled me to develop new relationships and expand my professional network:
  + 2017:
    - Strongly Disagree (0)
    - Disagree (0)
    - Neither Agree nor Disagree (0)
    - Agree (1)
    - Strongly Agree (4)
* The Moxie Project gave me a realistic preview of the nonprofit and municipal government career fields:
  + 2017:
    - Strongly Disagree (1)
    - Disagree (0)
    - Neither Agree nor Disagree (0)
    - Agree (0)
    - Strongly Agree (5)
* The Program Director provided adequate support:
  + 2017:
    - Strongly Disagree (1)
    - Disagree (0)
    - Neither Agree nor Disagree (0)
    - Agree (0)
    - Strongly Agree (5)
* The Program Director was knowledgeable and provided opportunities for learning:
  + 2017:
    - Strongly Disagree (1)
    - Disagree (0)
    - Neither Agree nor Disagree (0)
    - Agree (0)
    - Strongly Agree (5)
* I feel better connected to and engaged in my community as a result of The Moxie Project:
  + 2017:
    - Strongly Disagree (1)
    - Disagree (0)
    - Neither Agree nor Disagree (0)
    - Agree (2)
    - Strongly Agree (3)

Q6: Internship Experience: Please rate the extent to which you agree with the following statements.

* The work I performed in my internship was challenging and stimulating:
  + 2017:
    - Strongly Disagree (0)
    - Disagree (0)
    - Neither Agree nor Disagree (1)
    - Agree (2)
    - Strongly Agree (2)
* My internship supervisor was available and accessible:
  + 2017:
    - Strongly Disagree (1)
    - Disagree (0)
    - Neither Agree nor Disagree (0)
    - Agree (2)
    - Strongly Agree (3)
* I received constructive feedback from my supervisor:
  + 2017:
    - Strongly Disagree (1)
    - Disagree (0)
    - Neither Agree nor Disagree (0)
    - Agree (1)
    - Strongly Agree (4)

Q7: What could you have done to improve your experience as a Moxie Scholar?

2017:

* “I think that spending more time with the cohort would have been nice. I also think that I could have taken more initiative to ask for what I wanted out of my internship. I could have been on time more.”
* “I think I could have been a bit more forthcoming with my concerns earlier on.”
* “I could have talked more with my site supervisor beforehand to make sure I had a clearer view of the organization.”

Q8: What would you like to see improved about the Moxie Project? What would you like to remain unchanged?

2017:

* “I would have made sure that the bonding events actually happened in the spring before the internships started. All the field trips were awesome.”
* “The biggest improvement I would make is the class. Maybe one with more focus or a different professor would serve the program better. In terms of what should stay unchanged, I thought that overall the structure of the program was great. Additionally, I thought it was really wonderful that the Moxies received a stipend for their work. I wouldn't have been able to do this program if it was an unpaid internship.”
* “Spend more time with the cohort, outside of seminars.”
* “It was a little alienating being a trans person in the cohort. Every week I introduced myself to the cohort with my pronouns when we were visiting the different sites and every week I constantly heard other members of the cohort misgendering me.”
* “The service learning portion with the Jackson Center was kind of a mess. They gave us our materials really late into the semester and were consistently bad at communicating with us about our responsibilities.”

Q9: Would you recommend the Moxie Project to your friends? Why or why not?

2017: Would not recommend (0), Recommend with reservations (0), Recommend (2), Highly recommend (3)

* Comments:
  + “The Moxie Project provided me with a way to find a connection between my love of activism and the professional world. The program provided support and community in what could be an otherwise stressful new experience.”