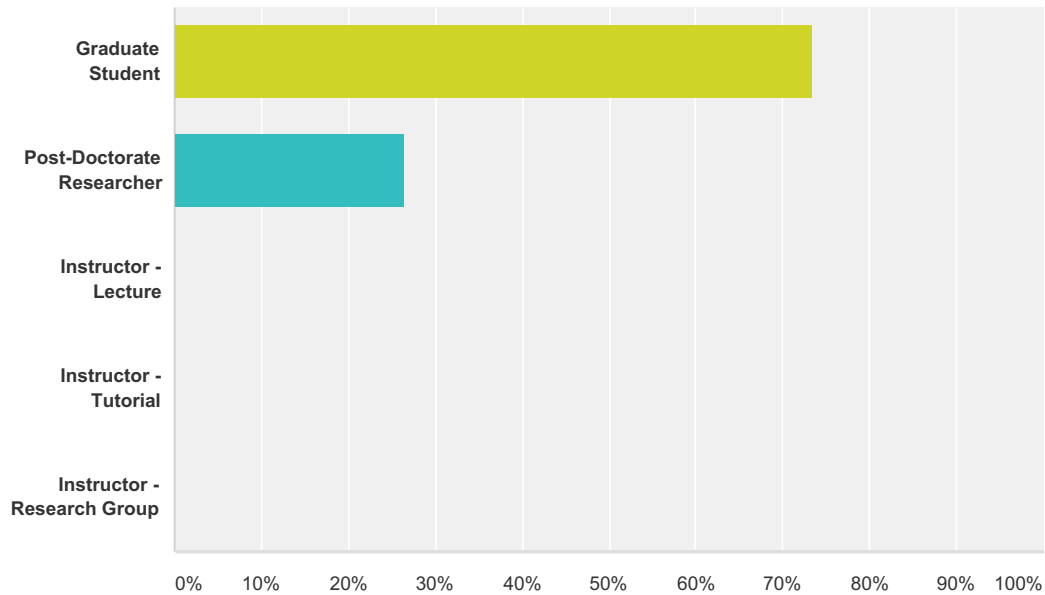


**Q3 Please indicate your role/position during the CIDER II 2015 Summer Program (Select all that apply):**

Answered: 34 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	
Graduate Student	73.53%	25
Post-Doctorate Researcher	26.47%	9
Instructor - Lecture	0.00%	0
Instructor - Tutorial	0.00%	0
Instructor - Research Group	0.00%	0
<b>Total Respondents: 34</b>		

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## Q23 Please share your impressions regarding the logistics of the CIDER II Summer Program, including (a) location, (b) venue, (c) housing and food, and (d) the schedule.

Answered: 33 Skipped: 1

#	Responses	Date
1	The location and venue were great, and the food was great once we had access to closer dining areas. I think the schedule was good but would have been better with shorter lectures and more free time in the afternoons.	8/3/2015 9:59 AM
2	(a) Berkeley is a medium-size town, ideal for this kind of summer program. (b) The venue was adequate, the meeting/working rooms were good size and spacious (c) The second housing option (Clark Kerr Campus) was definitely better than unit 1 (bigger rooms, more privacy and a private bathroom!). Longer walk to campus but feasible. As regards for the food, the meals at the dining hall were ok. (d) It was a full schedule, didn't have much free time to work on my own research.	8/1/2015 8:21 AM
3	a) The location was great - as someone from the UK it was inspiring to be based at a large and prestigious US University. b) The venue for the lectures was very good. I think it would have been beneficial to have a different room for the tutorials - one with desks to make working on a laptop easier. c) Both fine. Although a smaller/quieter place to eat would have been appreciated. The Clark Kerr Campus may have been better for this. Arranged meals out and the BBQ in Tilden park were good and enjoyable. d) Although quite intense I enjoyed the schedule. My only suggestions would be - perhaps more time for poster presentations. It would have been nice to have been able to have left my poster up all week and continued to chat to people about it. Also, perhaps a fieldwork component to get people moving and out of the lecture theater.	7/31/2015 9:59 AM
4	a) the location for CIDER program is very good in terms of weather, proximity to the airport, UBER and metro access. b) venue is great! Ocean, mountains and foggy mornings - what can be better. c) housing is good, it is nice that organizers arranged a participant to live in a room without roommates. Food at on-campus cafeteria was great and diverse. Lines for food at all time were annoying but acceptable. d) Lecture schedule was very intense. My only request is to make a small break (for 5 min) in the middle of long lectures (1.5 hour) because it is difficult to focus all time on presentation especially if topic is not familiar. Also, for last two weeks when groups are working on their projects, maybe make less (or shorter) plenary sessions, so groups would be more productive.	7/31/2015 9:56 AM
5	The location was great, not too far from San Francisco. The food at the diner was okay but some changes would have been great because it felt like I was eating the same thing all along. The diner was also very crowded with kids which was not great for quiet morning breakfasts and discussions with other CIDER participants. Location of DEUTSCH was good but too many kids as well. Thus the dorm was okay but very loud and very crowded. I liked better our second dorm, and the food seemed a little bit better as well, but the staff was not really nice and helpful. For my first breakfast, they told me that I had to go in our old diner while in fact I could use the cafeteria just nearby. I also try to do some laundry there, and they do not have any coins. They said that I could use the vending machine to get coins, but I lost 1 dollars and they could not give it back because the vending machine does not belong to them! If they need coins to use the washing machine they should have at least some for us.	7/31/2015 9:56 AM
6	a - The location was good. Berkeley is a cool city. b - I thought the venue locations for all of the weeks were nice. c - The Clark Kerr campus was way nicer than the Unit 1 campus we were initially in. d - I was not a fan of the plenary sessions during the final 2 weeks. After working all day in group session I had a hard time paying attention to the talks because I was tired and overloaded. Also I would have preferred that more junior people had the opportunity to give talks, rather than hear more talks from the senior participants.	7/31/2015 9:53 AM
7	(a) good (b) good (c) good (d) The arrangement regarding to the moving (third weekend) is very inconsiderate. In my opinion, the organizing part should not have called for participants to volunteer for driving the truck and moving the suitcases. Most of the participants would not risk to volunteer such heavy-lifting task. As it turned out, among the handful 'volunteers', most are women. Among the 30+ cases, most are heavy. If anyone had injured (and have reported it), CIDER would have the liability. This caused a great deal of complaint, and I found it very inappropriate personally. I could have filed a complaint, if there is anywhere to file it to.	7/31/2015 9:52 AM
8	a) great working atmosphere, good to have hikes + restaurants + bars nearby b) good c) Clark Kerr was great, Deutsch hall was ok, food at cafeteria not diverse at all, could have more BBQs and organised dinners d) kept us busy all four weeks, great	7/31/2015 9:52 AM

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9	a)So good b)Good c)Good d)I would like to have less lections in the working part of the project (last 2 weeks)	7/31/2015 9:50 AM
10	location is good, venue is good, housing and food is good and the schedule is good	7/31/2015 9:50 AM
11	a - I like the location. Berkeley is a cool place. b - I thought the venues were nice in all of the weeks. c - The Clark Kerr campus was way nicer than the Unit 1 building that we were initially in. The only downside is that it is a very long walk to McCone Hall. d - I thought the schedule in the second two weeks was draining. We were working all day in our group projects and then had the plenary talks, and by that time my brain was really unable to pay attention in these talks. I just felt overloaded.	7/31/2015 9:49 AM
12	All are good. Except that I prefer not to walk all the way to foothill for dinner.	7/31/2015 9:48 AM
13	a) Excellent location b) I think the lecture theatre was good for talks but not so good for the practical classes. A room with tables for groups to work around would have been better c) The housing was well located and more than adequate d) Lecture schedule worked well. Plenary sessions for the last 2 weeks sometimes felt a little too much (maybe not everyday)	7/31/2015 9:47 AM
14	(a) location was good (b) venue was fine too. (c) housing is generally fine but would be better if we didn't have to move. Food was not desirable but it is okay. (d) schedule was maybe too packed but I do like the morning lectures and afternoon tutorials.	7/31/2015 9:46 AM
15	Th location of the conformance, specially the first two weeks, but the place that we stayed for first three weeks( Unit 1) was uncomfortable. Foods was not bad but not perfect. But in overall everything was good.	7/31/2015 9:45 AM
16	a) The location was good, b) Should of just stayed at Auditorium throughout with all of the coffee breaks, c) Housing was decent, food got old, d) we should of had more outdoor activities/games planned (kickball)	7/31/2015 9:45 AM
17	(a) Berkeley was a great location for me, being located in the area. There is plenty to do in the surrounding area and proximity to public transport. (b) The lecture hall for the first two weeks was nice but perhaps the amphitheater style did not promote as much discussion as a more intimate and well-lit room. (c) Our accommodations for the first two weeks were sufficient but not very nice. The dorms were loud due to all of the summer camps. The Clark Kerr campus was a much nicer place to live. (d) I found that we seemed pretty exhausted from the first two weeks and sustaining momentum on our group project was tough. I think it may have been better to have 1 week of just lectures, 2 weeks of lectures and projects and the final week of just projects.	7/31/2015 9:43 AM
18	Apart from the housing swap towards the end, the logistics of the CIDER program were appropriate and well organised. However, the information leading up to the program was somewhat sparse and it was at first difficult to find all the info needed to prepare for the trip. So, logistics was fine, communication could be improved. Location in Berkeley was very good. Easy to travel to, nice campus, good infrastructure. Conference venue and group project rooms were suitable. Housing was basic, but single occupancy rooms much appreciated. Food was repetitive towards the end, but good to not have to do self-catering after a days work. Regular social occasions like group dinners, after work drinks and BBQs were good. The schedule was very intense, much to take in. The program description said that there would be some time for people to follow up on their personal work, but there was absolutely no time for any of that. Which is fine, as long as you are aware that you will go off grid for four weeks and you come prepared. So please include that info in future communication leading up to other programs.	7/31/2015 9:43 AM
19	Food and accommodation are good. Clark Kerr campus was the best, comfortable housing	7/31/2015 9:42 AM
20	Overall, I thought that the program was well put together. The facilities met my needs, although at times overlapping with other summer programs in dining halls and housing made things a bit crowded. The schedule was pretty full, but it was nice to cover lots of different topics.	7/31/2015 9:41 AM
21	I enjoyed to stay in UNIT 1 as in the Clark Ker campus while the second is better. The schedule probably was too busy. I didn't had any time to work on my hown work.	7/31/2015 9:41 AM
22	The logistics of the CIDER II Summer Program is well organized!	7/31/2015 9:40 AM
23	Location :: Berkeley is a very nice place. Venue :: The buildings worked pretty well, but not allowing coffee in the first was silly. Housing & Food :: Good. The rampant twelve-year olds were a little much, but that is to be expected. Having to transfer dorms was a hassle, this should be avoided in the future. The cafeterias were way too full. It would be better to reserve a smaller room than fight for tables and sound real estate. Schedule :: A little relentless. It would be nice for the sanity of the people staying here the whole time if there was scheduled time to decompress other than the barbecues after working hours, by that time I just went on bike rides to avoid people.	7/31/2015 9:40 AM
24	The location and housing was great. I didn't mind the distance between housing and McCone because it meant I got to get a tiny bit of exercise in the morning and evening. The food was good, too. The schedule was pretty intense in the first two weeks. After those I felt a little drained and overwhelmed. I wonder if it would make sense to spread the lectures out a little more, e.g. first week lectures, second and third week lectures in the morning and group projects in the afternoon, fourth week only group projects.	7/31/2015 9:40 AM
25	All things were good. Barring some inevitable mix-ups, the arrangements were quite good.	7/31/2015 9:40 AM

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26	The only concern for me is about the food. Especially during the last week, the dining hall is so far away from where we live.	7/31/2015 9:36 AM
27	UCBerkeley is great, but the dorm living with lots of high schoolers was hard - much better after the move to Clark Kerr, even with the longer walk. It's hard to complain about free food, but definitely did a lot of eating out - it would be nice if some more opportunities for that (in small groups) were included. Schedule was great, except for continuing to do lectures the weeks of research - maybe only 1 or 2 per week during the second half would be good - after 2 weeks of lectures I was pretty burnt out and more excited to be working on research than sitting in a room staring at more powerpoints.	7/31/2015 9:35 AM
28	A) Location works well, it is easy to travel to via public transportation from both area airports and a lovely environment to spend a month. B) Both venues, Satorja Dai Hall and McHone Hall, work well for our purposes. C) Deutsch Hall, while ideal in terms of location in relation to the workshop venue and local restaurants was not an ideal place to stay due to the large number of children's camps also hosted in the complex. Clark Kerr campus accommodations are much better. Dining hall services were convenient and the food quality was fine. D) Schedule was demanding, but overall works very well.	7/31/2015 9:35 AM
29	The logistics is overall good. The schedule for the lectures and the tutorials could be more synchronized. Eg. Lectures about volatile and mantle melting in the morning, and pMELTs tutorials in the afternoon.	7/31/2015 9:35 AM
30	Berkeley is hilly but you can make good hikes if you are up for it since California weather is nice. We were accommodated in dorms and received dorm food which may not sound pleasant, but in fact provides one with a wonderful opportunity for outreach (having amazing conversations on what you do and science in general, with millions of school kids who share the dining halls with you). The program was scheduled in a timely fashion.	7/31/2015 9:33 AM
31	I was pleased with the location and venue. I feel the housing was overly noisy (probably unavoidably so) and the food adequate. I was unhappy with the schedule in that the original schedule was adjusted to start a half-hour earlier. This sounds trivial, but as a non-morning person that extra half-hour was difficult to manage.	7/31/2015 9:30 AM
32	a) Location was lovely. Maybe incorporating local field trips and/or more outdoor labs (Tobias Fischer's CO <sub>2</sub> measuring on the lawn was a great way to learn about that process) would be a great opportunity since California has so much to offer especially for those of us limited by little geology around where we live. b) Venue worked well. c) The only issue with housing and food was 1. moving to the new dorms was a little off-putting but the new dorms are great! Recommend that location for housing next time, especially as 2. the dining halls were stressfully busy. Clark Kerr dining hall was preferable for breakfast, but perhaps giving stipend for dinner out would be better than at the dorms since that one closed at 6pm. d) Schedule worked well. I think fewer plenary talks in the last two weeks would have allowed us more time to make progress on our projects, though.	7/31/2015 9:27 AM
33	I thought the logistics of CIDER II were fine. Berkeley is a good campus, the housing and food were fine- although it was hard to meet with senior CIDER members during lunch in such a crowded dining area. I appreciate the additional lectures in the last two weeks as a chance for the whole group to keep coming together, however maybe having them in the morning or right after lunch would be nicer than having them at the end of the day. This way groups don't get interrupted in the middle of a productive time to stop for lecture.	7/31/2015 9:24 AM

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### Q24 Please share any comments/feedback you have regarding the overall quality of the CIDER II Summer Program.

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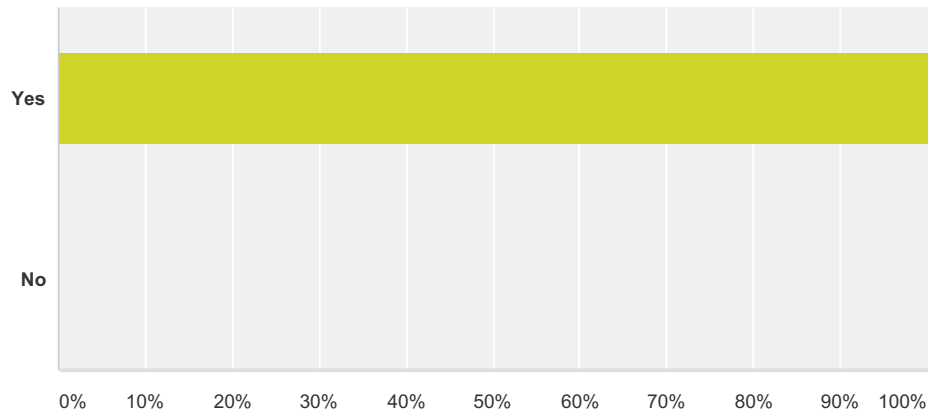
#	Responses	Date
1	I was very impressed with the overall quality of the CIDER II summer program. There were great lectures from many different fields and I benefitted a lot from getting to discuss ideas with experts in the field and other graduate students.	8/3/2015 9:59 AM
2	Overall, I really enjoyed my time at CIDER. It gave me the opportunity to learn, communicate with fellow scientists, and expose my own research. It was a starting point for a longer professional relationship and collaboration.	8/1/2015 8:21 AM
3	The lectures were generally of high quality. I thought some of the tutorials could have been better. A lot of time was spent trying to get various software to work on peoples computers. What might have worked better would be a few people demonstrating software to small groups. For example a few experts working with small groups to show them how various pieces of software work and what can be done with them.	7/31/2015 9:59 AM
4	GREAT! 10 from 10	7/31/2015 9:56 AM
5	I loved it. It was great, but I felt sometimes overwhelmed with the lectures. Also, since the goal of CIDER is to get early career scientists to collaborate, perhaps starting the research projects one week sooner could be a good idea. Most of the tutorials ewre not helpful, only those that were really well prepared in advanced. Using the virtual box was not easy, especially when the computer is too old. Perhaps having stations on campus that are fully ready with the virtual box could be an idea. Also, I felt that some tutorials (especially those including coding) went too fast and missed the point. For example, I really enjoyed Doug Wiens' tutorial where we just needed to play with the parameters and interpret the data. I also found that I could not follow some lectures, perhaps because they did not emphasize enough on the basics.	7/31/2015 9:56 AM
6	Good	7/31/2015 9:52 AM
7	great for its multidiscplinarity, motivated tutors	7/31/2015 9:52 AM
8	Overall quality was top-level	7/31/2015 9:50 AM
9	great quality	7/31/2015 9:50 AM
10	Most part are very fun, especially learning and working with people from different discipline.	7/31/2015 9:48 AM
11	Overall extremely stimulating and enjoyable	7/31/2015 9:47 AM
12	It was a great learning experience but it is hard to absorb new information after awhile.	7/31/2015 9:46 AM
13	It was fun, plenty of free beer and food and great scientific discussions. We just need more outdoor activities, I felt I was being increasingly lethargic.	7/31/2015 9:45 AM
14	The quality was very high. The lectures were almost universally excellent and the senior participants showed significant interest in engaging with the junior participants. The scope of the course was broad, but I found it very worthwhile to cast our nets widely.	7/31/2015 9:43 AM
15	This was a very high quality program. Good opportunities to network with well connected senior participants, high pedigree of experts on a very wide selection of topics, diverse mix of junior participants, good location.	7/31/2015 9:43 AM
16	It was a rewarding experience both in terms of interacting with new people and getting an introduction to active research in other sub-disciplines.	7/31/2015 9:41 AM
17	The overall quality was very high considering the effort to organize logistic for a lot a people.	7/31/2015 9:41 AM
18	It's a very good program, There are many wonderful talks and I learn a lot from the Program.	7/31/2015 9:40 AM
19	I think this will be answered in a few months.	7/31/2015 9:40 AM
20	CIDER was able to attract very important scientists to come and give talks, which was great. The overall quality was very high. I felt that the spread of disciplines among the senior scientists was great, however, the spread of disciplines among the graduate students and postdoc was a little more limited. There were for example a lot of talks on the carbon cycle and weathering but it seemed that only few students worked on that.	7/31/2015 9:40 AM
21	The Summer Program was well organized and a fun experience	7/31/2015 9:40 AM

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22	Overall the summer program is very good and people are very nice.	7/31/2015 9:36 AM
23	It was a great opportunity to delve into things I don't normally think about.	7/31/2015 9:35 AM
24	The program was wonderful. Lecture topics were all related to the main theme and the more informal nature allowed for many questions which helped foster wider understanding of all of the disciplines represented here. The poster sessions were a good opportunity to present personal research, but should be longer to give everyone a chance to see other posters, get feedback from senior participants, etc. The project portion of the program was a wonderful experience in collaboration across disciplines.	7/31/2015 9:35 AM
25	The quality of most of talks was good.	7/31/2015 9:33 AM
26	Overall I was very pleased; I feel I have made good contacts and learned a great deal.	7/31/2015 9:30 AM
27	Overall, a wonderful opportunity and well-planned. I truly appreciated this experience; I learned a lot of science, got to share my ideas, work on and think about new and important problems; and network with peers and also well-established senior participants. My only comment was that there needs to be more communication with participants regarding what is happening (logistics) both before we arrive at CIDER and during the conference.	7/31/2015 9:27 AM
28	I enjoyed CIDER.	7/31/2015 9:24 AM

## Q25 Would you recommend CIDER II to other graduate students and post-doctorates?

Answered: 32 Skipped: 2



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	100.00% 32
No	0.00% 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>

#	Please explain.	Date
1	I learned a lot about fields I don't normally think about, and have new ideas for future collaborations with the people I met at CIDER. I think other graduate students and post-docs could benefit greatly from an experience like this.	8/3/2015 10:25 AM
2	It's a good way to improve networking skills, as you meet well-known scientists and fellow students. New professional relationships and collaborations can develop. Learning about other disciplines helps to get "the bigger picture".	8/1/2015 8:21 AM
3	On the one hand I feel like the CIDER program is nice for junior participants (early grad students) because they would learn a lot. However, from a networking perspective it is better for post docs. I felt a bit bored during the tutorial sessions, and I was trying to find more opportunities to network. Overall though, I felt it was a good program to attend.	7/31/2015 10:44 AM
4	This is a nice way to get to know personally a lot of students, postdocs and seniors who are working on similar topic, or related area. This can be extremely valuable to broaden knowledge.	7/31/2015 10:10 AM
5	I think, participation in CIDER program is the big opportunity for all graduate students and post-doctorates, because you can share your knowledges with each other and learn something new. Moreover it is a big advantage to meet new people and get new connections	7/31/2015 10:08 AM
6	Great experience in term of career. I wish I would have known about this sooner! We had a great team of senior scientists! Perfect to meet them talk to them when they can be difficult to talk to during meetings because of their schedule.	7/31/2015 10:03 AM
7	I learnt an awful lot and feel more 'well-rounded' after years of focusing on my PhD project.	7/31/2015 10:02 AM
8	The breadth and depth of topics and research expertise was great! The tutorials was helpful to understand how other fields do their research etc.	7/31/2015 9:56 AM
9	It provide an optimal environment for transformative studies requiring a concerted effort of leading researchers from different areas of Earth Sciences, you can work with people from different background and can learn a lot, Not only knowledge but also cooperation.	7/31/2015 9:52 AM
10	It is very useful. Cider gave us great opportunity to learn new information, to talk with well-known outstanding scientists. It is the best way to meet different people from different geological branches.	7/31/2015 9:52 AM

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11	extremely efficient to get insight into entirely new fields	7/31/2015 9:52 AM
12	Unique opportunity to network and gain a wider perspective on cutting edge Earth Science developments. In many ways, the CIDER model is how science should be more often, where experienced experts and early career scientists from various fields are actively encouraged to talk to each other, share knowledge, challenge preconceptions and tackle the next generation of science questions.	7/31/2015 9:51 AM
13	It is a great opportunity to interact with people working in different areas in Earth Science. I have learned a lot during the meeting.	7/31/2015 9:50 AM
14	I think that a month is a long time to commit to a workshop, so my recommendation would be conditioned on what their priorities are at that moment in their career. The key benefits of the workshop were broadening my knowledge base and building connections with scientists in other fields.	7/31/2015 9:49 AM
15	I would tell whoever that the CIDER program offers a fresh perspective of planetary sciences, especially when isolated as a graduate student/post-doc.	7/31/2015 9:49 AM
16	Being able to interact in an informal setting was really beneficial and I think this is a good thing to experience.	7/31/2015 9:48 AM
17	Excellent opportunity to broaden horizons and gain experience working in multi-disciplinary groups	7/31/2015 9:48 AM
18	I would recommend it to more senior grad students than me, the process during the last two weeks really requires a greater sense of place in the discipline.	7/31/2015 9:47 AM
19	It is a good chance to learn a lot from different disciplinary since I usually only focus on Geodesy part.	7/31/2015 9:45 AM
20	Is a great experience. It allow to know a lot of people at very high level of science and to know your future collaborators. The flux of new information is very big and stimulating.	7/31/2015 9:44 AM
21	but with reservations. I think doing DCO + CIDER was particularly hard because it is such a long absence, and maybe the CIDER program alone would have been less challenging than being gone for 5 weeks and listening to intense lectures for 3 weeks was. But I did get to meet a lot of people, and it was a good academic exercise to step out of my comfort box. And I think it's a good test of whether or not academia is a good fit for you, as well as teaching you more about how to take advantage of the time you spend there.	7/31/2015 9:42 AM
22	I think the range of contacts and the opportunities for cross-specialty work make CIDER an extremely valuable program.	7/31/2015 9:39 AM
23	If the theme of the program is at all related to a student/post-docs research interests I believe the program is a wonderful use of time.	7/31/2015 9:38 AM
24	"Read the agenda carefully before you apply". If it matches your interests and research, then this is the right place for you as you will find some of the top minds of their fields here. But make sure that the topic is relevant to you.	7/31/2015 9:38 AM
25	As I said on the previous page, CIDER is a great opportunity to learn, explore, and work on fresh and important science, and network with peers and senior participants alike. A truly wonderful opportunity, that I cherish having experienced, even with the 1-month time away from your own research.	7/31/2015 9:35 AM
26	I would recommend CIDER because it's a great chance to have prolonged discussions with other students and senior scientists that you don't have time to have at short conferences. I learned a lot- some of which I can use now, and some of which may guide research interests further down the road. However, it is a long program... for anyone who does a lot of lab work, a full month is a long chunk of time to be away in the summer, when the lack of meetings, classes, and seminars allows for more productive lab time.	7/31/2015 9:32 AM



**Q26 Senior Participants ONLY: Would you recommend the CIDER II program to other colleagues?**

Answered: 0 Skipped: 34

! No matching responses.

Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	0.00% 0
No	0.00% 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>

#	Please explain.	Date
	There are no responses.	

## Q27 Please share your final thoughts about how you view the benefits and/or drawbacks of participating in the CIDER II 2015 Summer Program.

Answered: 28 Skipped: 6

#	Responses	Date
1	The benefits are great - I got a lot of feedback on my research, made some great connections with experts in the field and other graduate students, and learned a lot about current research in fields outside of my own. The only drawback was that I didn't have time to really work on anything else.	8/3/2015 10:25 AM
2	As I mentioned before, one the major benefit of CIDER, is the possibility to establish professional and international collaboration.	8/1/2015 8:21 AM
3	As a post doc, I feel should be spending my time trying to publish. It is a large time commitment to be here for a month. And for the first two weeks I felt a bit bored during the tutorials. So in the first two weeks I felt like my time would have been better spent staying home and working on my own research. In the second half of the program, I thought my group was quite good and I learned a lot from our group discussions and reading papers each day. However, I don't think I could have have a good second half without attending the first two weeks.	7/31/2015 10:44 AM
4	1) It is a great experience to broaden knowledge in different areas at extremely short time 2) Get to know personally people whose papers students were reading and talk to experts 3) meet students, postdocs and seniors, share new/old ideas, educate and be educated from expert prospective (theoretic, experimental, model, etc.)	7/31/2015 10:10 AM
5	I think participation in CIDER summer programm is already a benefit	7/31/2015 10:08 AM
6	I learnt a lot, and I also taught/talked about my research. I do hope that the CIDER research project will result in a publication and perhaps in a NSF proposal. I am also sure that other collaborations will arise from this meeting. We never know. CIDER allowed me to collaborate with different experts and without them this research project could not have happened at all. I feel that in term of expertise our team complemente each other because we all have different expertise and perspectives on the project. It is just amazing how an idea can evolve into a possible publication!	7/31/2015 10:03 AM
7	Benefits - I have made lots of new contacts, I have learnt an awful lot and have had lots of new ideas, it has been great to work with people who have different expertise and hopefully we will continue to work together and make a good scientific contribution. Drawbacks - it has taken up a lot of time and I have got a little behind on my own work - however at this stage in my postdoc it is not too much of a problem.	7/31/2015 10:02 AM
8	CIDER provides great opportunity for people new to the field like myself.	7/31/2015 9:58 AM
9	I think 1 month may be too long for the CIDER program. As I talked with other participant, most of them also believe that they do not have energy like the first two weeks. Also, unfortunately the topics for the research groups was focused on specific area (specially geochemistry), and It was very hard to just join to a research group and try to work with people who are expert in those fields as you feel you are not contributing anything. I think that cider should suggest some research topics in advance( such as some geophysical and seismological topics) and ask people to join those groups and then they can suggest the detail by themselves	7/31/2015 9:57 AM
10	I learnt plenty about other research, some that I find useful for my own research but it was quite a chunk of time away from our own research. The research group has been useful but it is hard to evaluate the long term goals to understand if it is worthy to work more on it over our own research depending on the stage in academia a participant is in.	7/31/2015 9:56 AM
11	The UC Berkeley campus environment is very nice. There are many wonderful talks from different areas of Earth Sciences, I learned a lot.	7/31/2015 9:52 AM
12	I like idea of group projects. Multidisciplinary approach can be good way to solve geological issues nowadays. Many projects, which were started during Cider, would be continued.	7/31/2015 9:52 AM
13	The main benefit is to learn how to work across disciplines. One drawback is the time for research session seems too short (we only work like 5 hours/day...)	7/31/2015 9:52 AM
14	The main benefit is the intense exposure to so many people and thoughts. The main drawback is the intense exposure to so many people and thoughts. This program is well worth while to participate, but the four weeks of intense program are just about on the limit of sustainability.	7/31/2015 9:51 AM

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15	I really learned a lot through the one month of intense study	7/31/2015 9:51 AM
16	1) I got exposed to the knowledge from different disciplines; 2) I got to know the aspects of people from different areas when viewing the same topic; 3) I got to know many people, students, postdocs and senior scientists from different places.	7/31/2015 9:50 AM
17	CIDER was a great experience. I had the opportunity to learn a large range of topics I typically would never think about. The only drawback is that I feel I missed out on my opportunity to be outsider more during the summer, however, that is a personal problem.	7/31/2015 9:49 AM
18	The main benefits from my point of view are: -interacting with people from diverse fields and interests -hearing about fields that I otherwise would not have looked into -Working through the process of building a multi-disciplinary project Drawbacks: -limited time to work on personal research -fairly substantial time commitment	7/31/2015 9:48 AM
19	This month has been good for my scientific career. And I am tired. The length of this survey is a good example, it is relentless and doesn't take into consideration that most people can only answer a few questions will full intent.	7/31/2015 9:47 AM
20	1. Cooperating with people from different disciplinary is very meaningful for my future phd studies 2. It is good to work with different people who have totally different ideas about how and what should we do about the project	7/31/2015 9:45 AM
21	It's great for learning something outside of your immediate discipline and increase breadth. It's also great for networking of course. The drawback is certainly that it is a large time commitment.	7/31/2015 9:44 AM
22	Major drawback: it's a long time gone from work during the usually most productive time of the year. Huge benefit: probably the only time I've interacted with people in such different areas of research, and it gave me broader perspective.	7/31/2015 9:42 AM
23	Benefits: Learning from leading researchers, getting to meet new people, collaborative research.	7/31/2015 9:41 AM
24	Major benefits for me lie in the range of contacts I have made here and the opportunity to delve deeply into a subject that I would not have spent the time on under normal circumstances.	7/31/2015 9:39 AM
25	The benefits of participating in CIDER are numerous, from gaining broader knowledge to networking and collaborating with other students, post docs as well as senior participants. The only drawback is that it is difficult to work on personal research while attending, but this is far outweighed by the benefits.	7/31/2015 9:38 AM
26	If the theme of CIDER for your year matches your interest then you MUST apply for it, otherwise it will be a waste of four weeks (two if you don't count the talks) of your time.	7/31/2015 9:38 AM
27	Benefits: learning from others' research, the opportunity to share your own research, work in new and interesting problems, interact with different fields/diverse groups of geoscientists, meet and make friends with peers, and network with amazing senior participants. Drawbacks: It's a major time-sink (both being away from your research and in terms of the amount of time you're working on CIDER, you have little time in the evenings left to work on your own data), there is a lot of information thrown at you all at once, and sometimes there is a bias towards what fields are represented at what time (e.g. week 4 of CIDER, there were no geochemist senior participants left, leaving my project group somewhat senior-faculty-abandoned). Very few drawbacks!	7/31/2015 9:35 AM
28	See above.	7/31/2015 9:32 AM

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## Q28 Please share any final comments and suggestions you have to help improve the CIDER II program.

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#	Responses	Date
1	Some of the drawbacks were sitting through tutorials that I couldn't keep up with or didn't have the software for. It would have been nice to have a short summary of the software and what it could do, rather than watching people work through it for the afternoon. Maybe the more intensive tutorials could have been optional, or we could split into smaller groups to have more one on one guidance. I would have appreciated more down time to keep up with my other work as well - maybe 1 hour lectures instead of 2 hour lectures.	8/3/2015 10:25 AM
2	Overall, it's been a very good experience.	8/1/2015 8:21 AM
3	I think it would help to break up some of the later weeks with activities. For instance if on week 3 Wednesday we stopped at 1pm and had a group activity, perhaps a visit to the botanical garden, that would break up the long span of working. As it is now, everyone gets to Friday and they feel really worn out.	7/31/2015 10:44 AM
4	Everything is great!	7/31/2015 10:10 AM
5	I think it would be better to give more time for preparing projects and exclude lectures for two last weeks	7/31/2015 10:08 AM
6	More time on the research projects, too many lectures, and perhaps allow for at least one free afternoon during the two first weeks to catch up, discuss about science or catch up with our own research. I found it hard to be at CIDER and catch up with my own work.	7/31/2015 10:03 AM
7	It's been a great experience to participate in the program. Again, the only suggestion for improvement is in a more well-thought arrangement of logistics in term of how much the participants can be expected to do.	7/31/2015 9:58 AM
8	More interactions between faculty, postdocs and students would be nice. The poster sessions were a little short for that number of posters to go through. It would be better if we could have it up the whole week to make it easier for more scientific interactions.	7/31/2015 9:56 AM
9	There web service is not very well in the dormitory, it will be better if it improved.	7/31/2015 9:52 AM
10	For the chemistry tutorial, I prefer to learn how to infer properties (P, T, melt, etc) from some data tables in publication. Running software (like learning how to run melt) is not quite useful for me.	7/31/2015 9:52 AM
11	Improve communications ahead of program. The important info was quite scattered and many links on the program website were dead. Also, some of the afternoon tutorial sessions were a waste of time, where the only real task was to convert units to SI to find a trivial result. Also, we wasted quite some time to try to get software for tutorials to work. This could be improved by using a local computer lab, where software is preinstalled on work stations.	7/31/2015 9:51 AM
12	Some of the tutorial sessions were not designed as well as they might have been. I think good tutorials either give the student a new tool or some physical insight into processes discussed during the lectures. If we are going to spend some time running a simulation or digging into a dataset, I would like to have seen more time spent reflecting on the results.	7/31/2015 9:49 AM
13	I am pleased except for we need more outdoor activities.	7/31/2015 9:49 AM
14	Maybe have four days of scheduled lecture/working group time per week with the fifth day reserved for unscheduled interactions or research.	7/31/2015 9:48 AM
15	This is another question that I feel needs more time.	7/31/2015 9:47 AM
16	I think one month is too long for me to focus on the program. There are so many things for us to absorb.	7/31/2015 9:45 AM
17	As mentioned before, the first two weeks were a little draining so maybe spreading out the classes and senior participation a little bit would help.	7/31/2015 9:44 AM
18	I will try to improve the tutorial session.	7/31/2015 9:44 AM
19	more geochemists/organic geochemists! although it was very nice that professors who left early were stilling willing to help out.	7/31/2015 9:42 AM

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20	I think the process for dividing into groups could be improved – the labels on our specialties were overly broad. I avoided joining a group because it was heavy on "geophysics", only to find that the participants did not include any seismologists and I would have fit well.	7/31/2015 9:39 AM
21	My only suggestions to improve would be to: 1. stay at Clark Kerr campus the whole time; 2. ensure senior faculty are spread throughout all of the weeks, 3. be more open about logistics and plans for the program before and during, 4. perhaps allow groups more time to work on projects (fewer plenary talks). 5. Perhaps more outdoor/hands on labs to keep us awake and invigorated during long weeks of lectures.	7/31/2015 9:35 AM
22	I understand the challenge in getting representatives from a diverse set of fields at CIDER, especially this year as the theme required more surface processes and paleoclimate expertise. However, it would be very helpful if the experts in each area could be more evenly distributed throughout the program. For example, nearly all of the senior geochemists disappeared right as projects were starting up.	7/31/2015 9:32 AM