



Industry Mentor Survey Results

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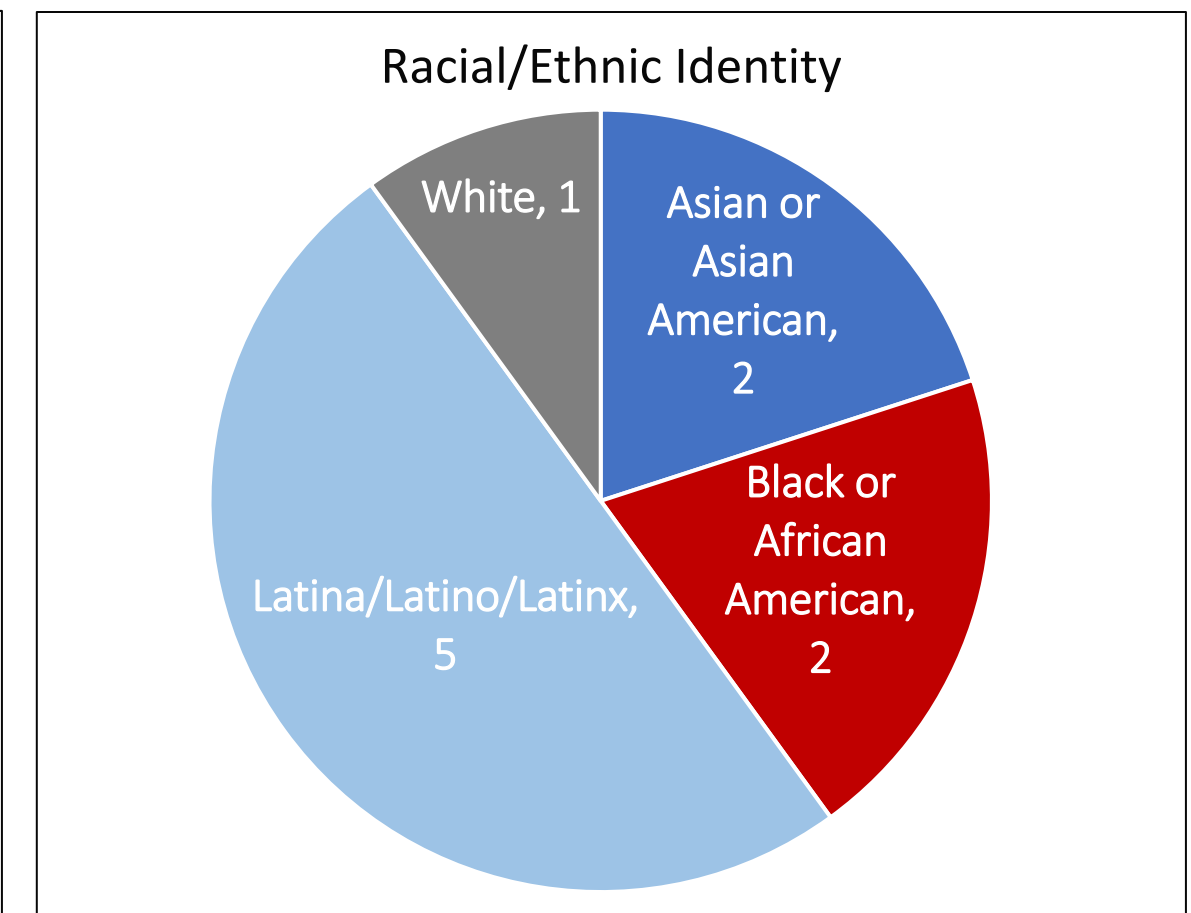
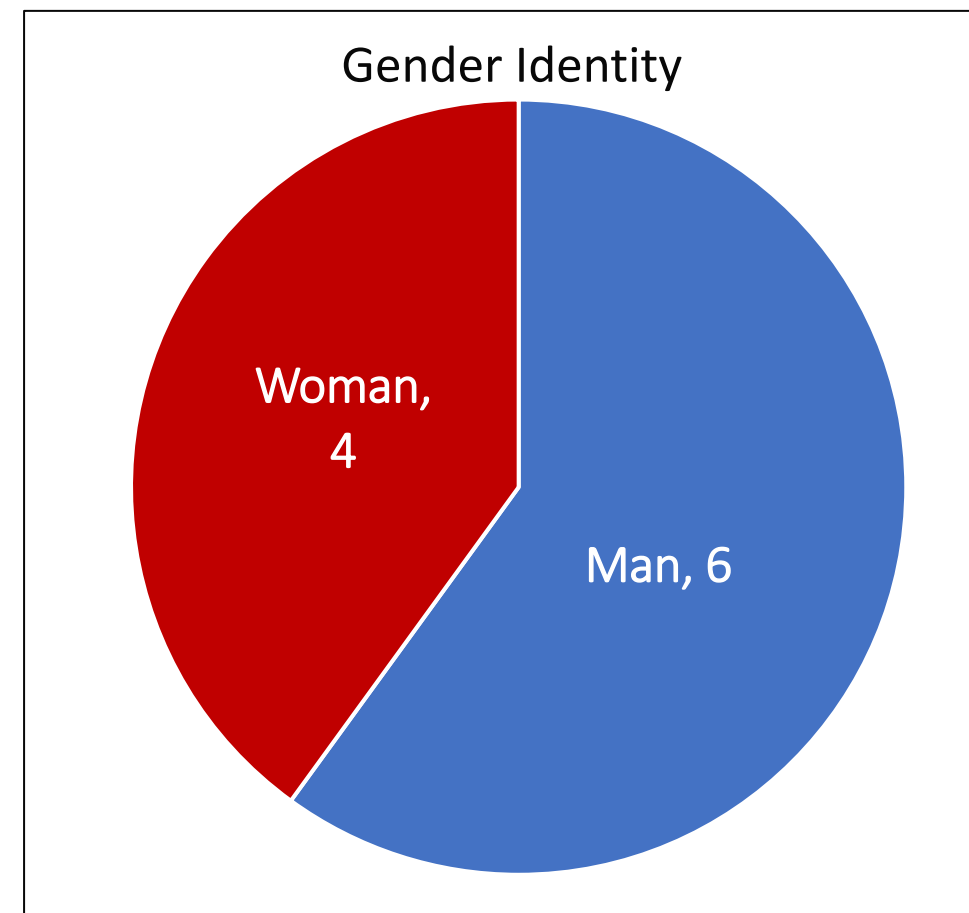
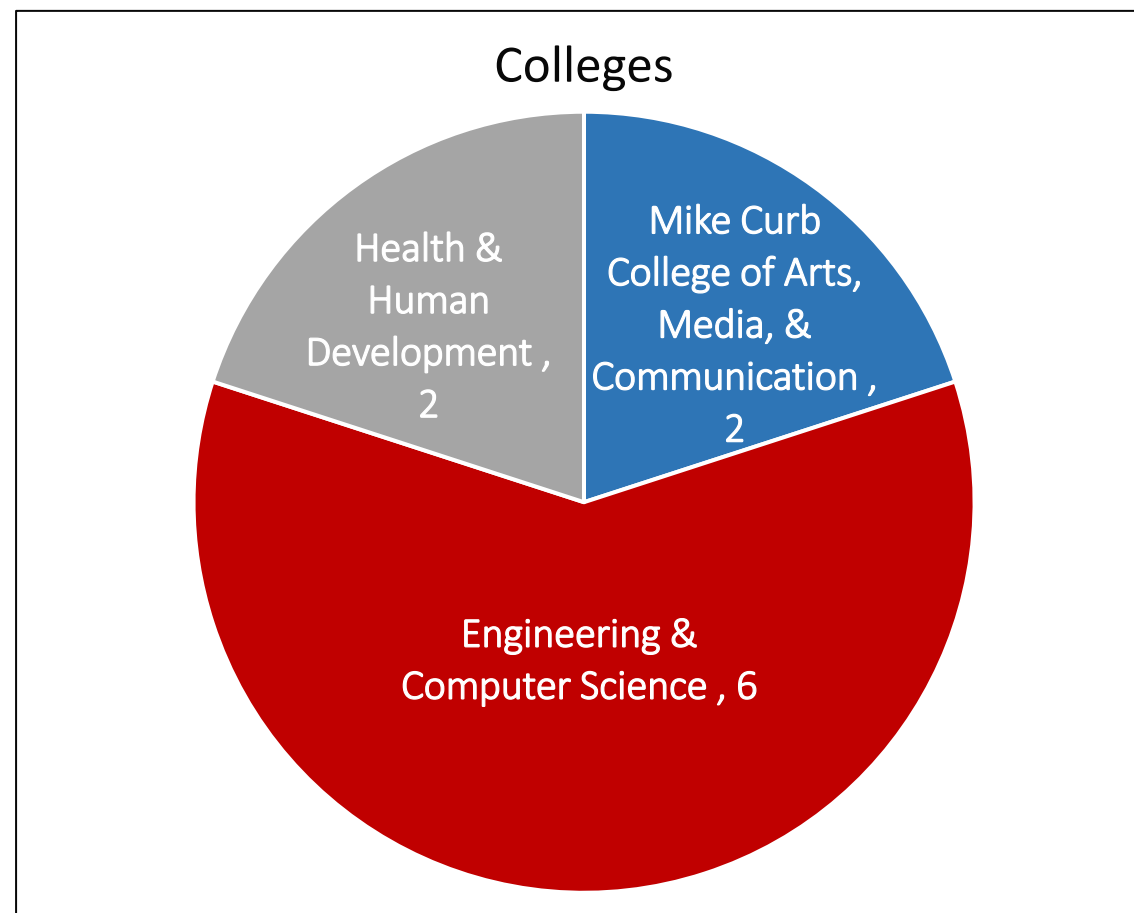
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Overview

Methods:

- Issued to students who participated in the Industry Mentor program (2024-2025)
- Launched 04/21/25 and closed 05/12/25
- Total of 10 questions, including demographic, perceptions of project participation, and satisfaction
- Received a total of 10 responses from the 23 mentees (43% response rate)

Demographics:



Question #1

Question	Objective	Type	Number	Percentage
Listed are three objectives of the project that relate to industry mentoring. Using the following scale (Extremely Important to Not at all Important), please rate the importance of each purpose to you .	Improve my academic performance	Important or Extremely Important	9/10	90%
	Enhance my participation in courses, research internships, and culturally-responsive, work-based learning experiences in in-demand industry employers	Important or Extremely Important	9/10	90%
	Increase my opportunities for culturally enhancing work-based learning experiences to support my mental health, emotional wellbeing, and academic outcomes	Important or Extremely Important	10/10	90%

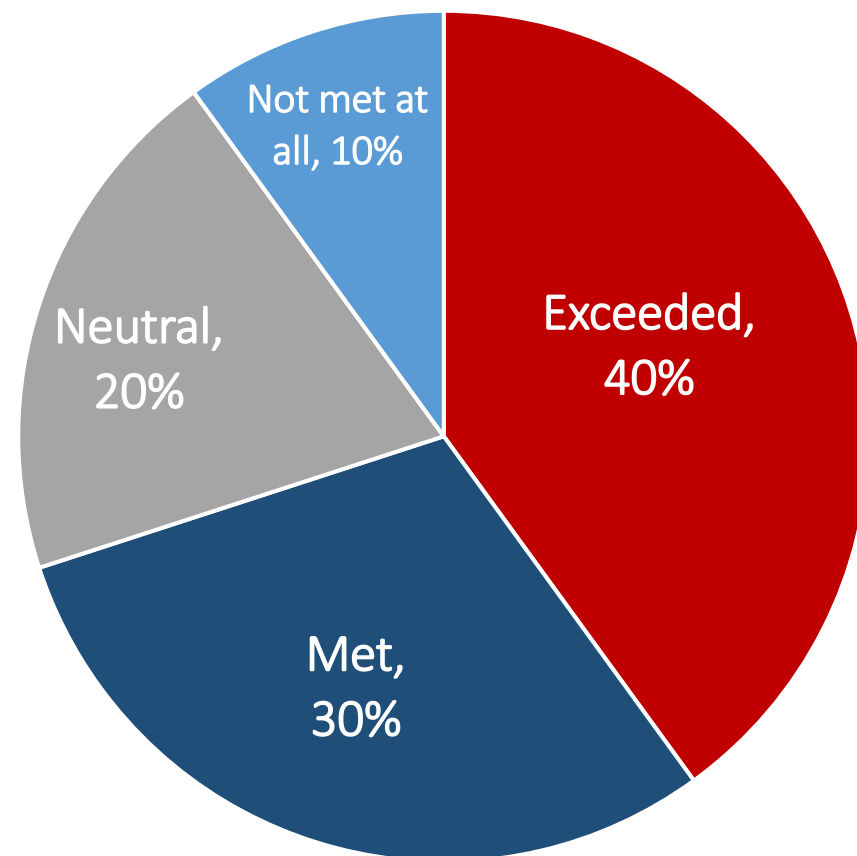
Question #2

Question	Objective	Type	Number	Percentage
Indicate how the project objectives listed were met through the industry mentoring experience.	Improve my academic performance	Met or Exceeded	7/10	70%
	Enhance my participation in courses, research internships, and culturally-responsive, work-based learning experiences in in-demand industry employers	Met or Exceeded	5/10	50%
	Increase my opportunities for culturally enhancing work-based learning experiences to support my mental health, emotional wellbeing, and academic outcomes	Met or Exceeded	8/10	80%

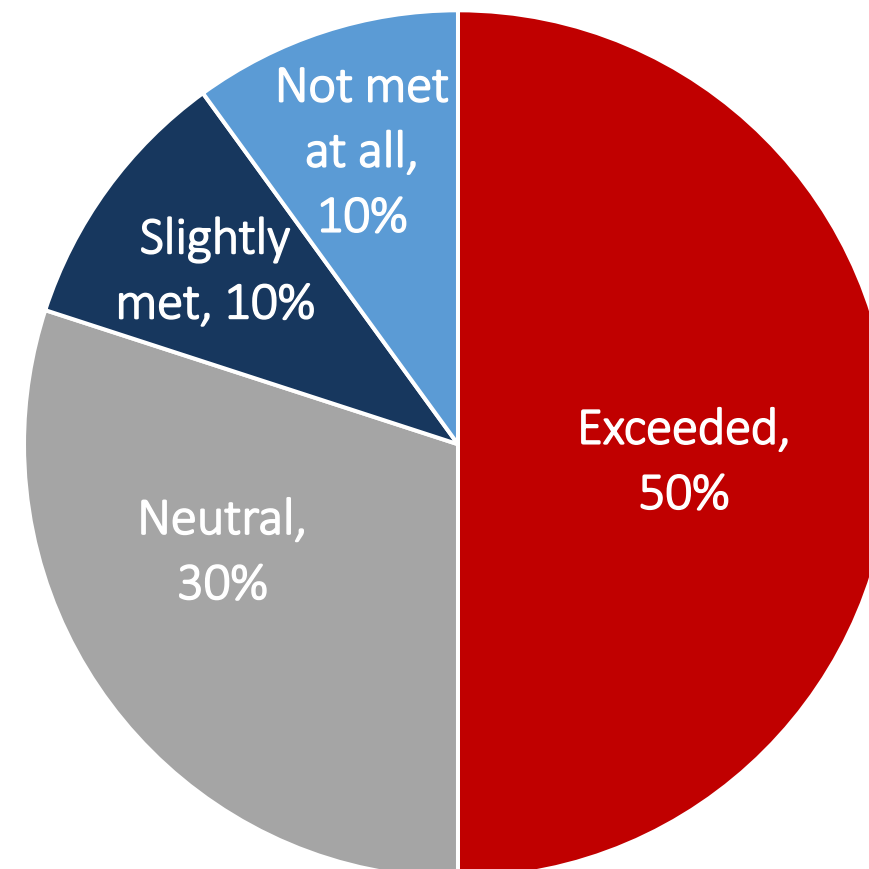
Question #2: Breakdown of Responses

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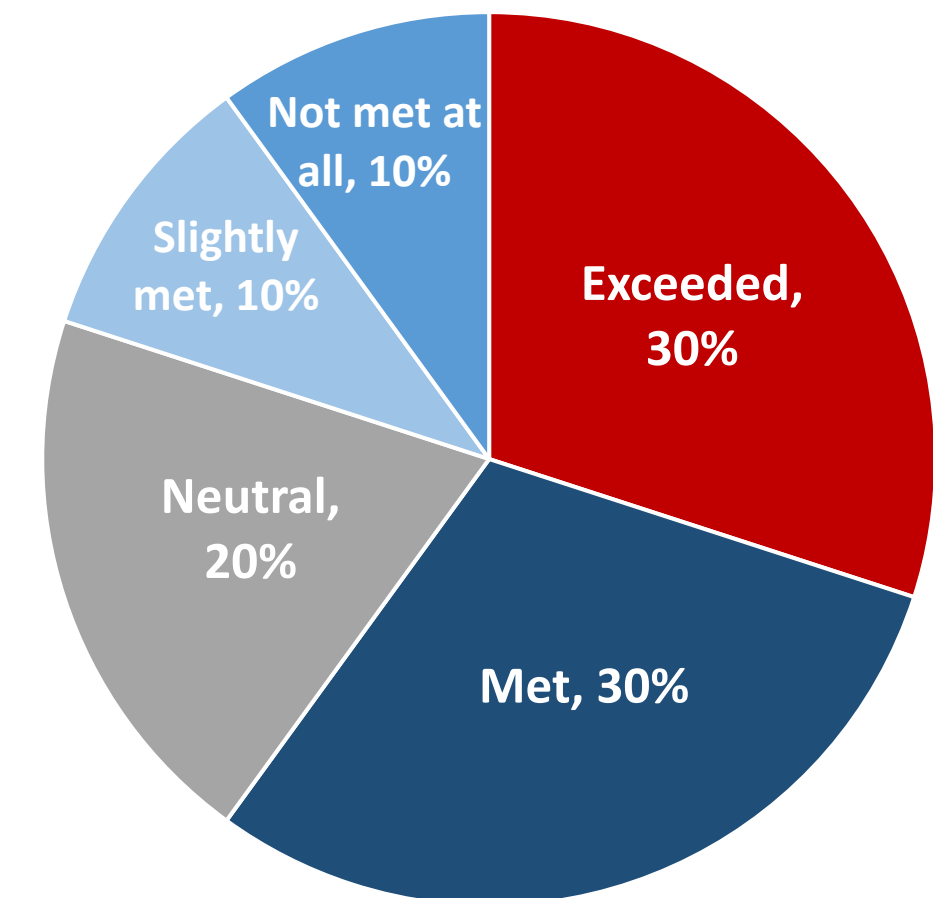
Improve My Academic Performance



Enhance my participation in courses, research internships, and culturally-responsive, work-based learning experiences in in-demand industry employers

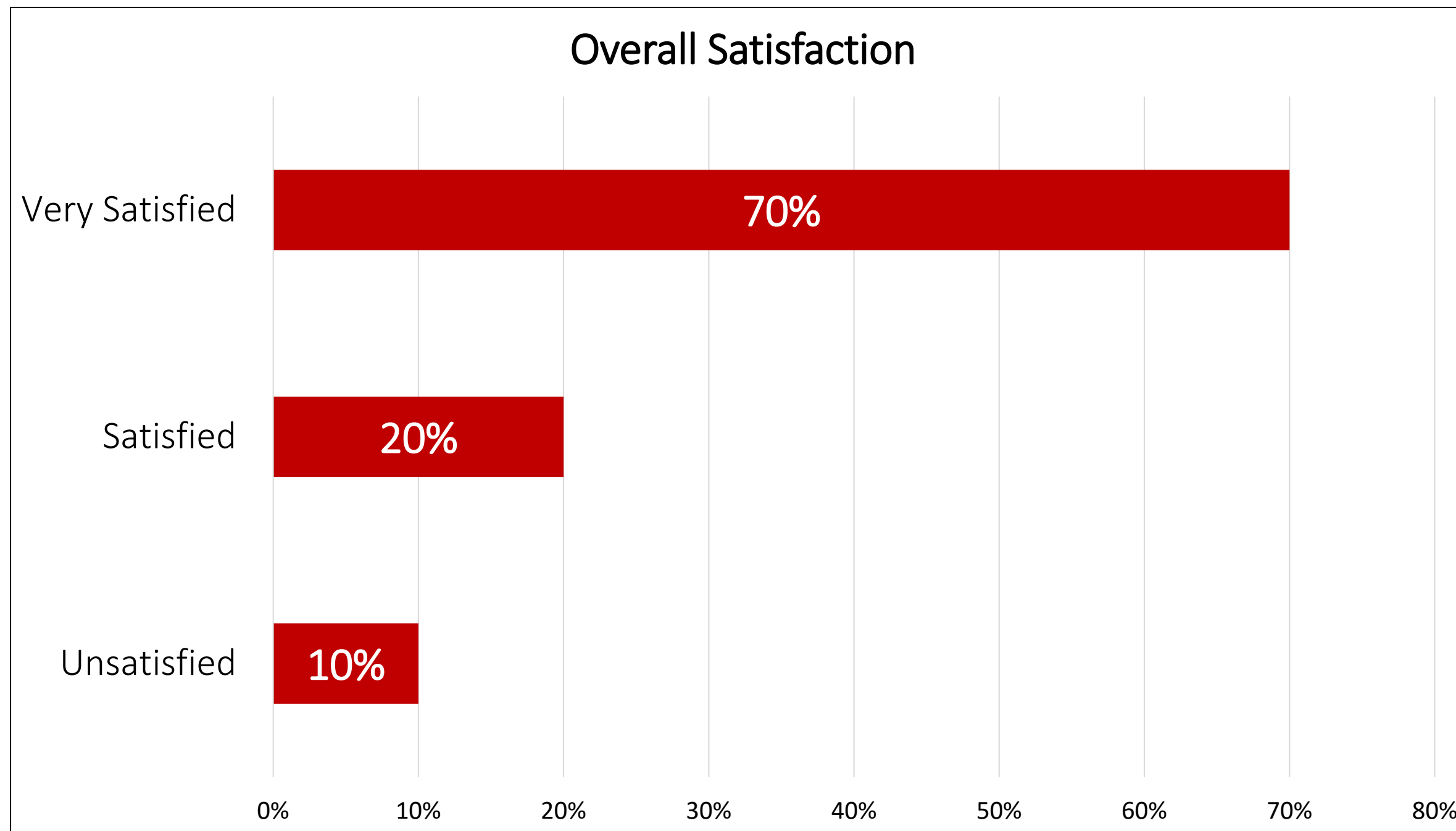


Increase my opportunities for culturally enhancing work-based learning experiences to support my mental health, emotional wellbeing, and academic outcomes



Question #3

Overall satisfaction with their industry mentoring experience.



Question #4

Question	Statement	Type	Number	Percentage
Indicate how much you agree with the following statements related to industry mentoring experience .	Helped me feel welcome and like I am a part of CSUN.	Agree or Strongly Agree	9/10	90%
	Made me feel like I belong in my career field.	Agree or Strongly Agree	9/10	90%
	Supported my future career goals and preparation.	Agree or Strongly Agree	9/10	90%
	Strengthened professional development and networking opportunities.	Agree or Strongly Agree	9/10	90%
	Supported my academic performance and success.	Agree or Strongly Agree	9/10	90%
	Supported my mental health and emotional wellbeing.	Agree or Strongly Agree	9/10	90%

Question #5

Favorite Aspects of Participating in Industry Mentoring

- “My favorite part of industry mentoring is being able to reach out to someone. And confirming the things I have planned and am doing are correct. It helps me feel like I am correctly self reinforcing.”
- “I really enjoyed having a opportunity to learn from a industry professional. As well as learn the methods to grow your professional network.”
- “Being able to get insight about what to do to prepare for job interviews and having a professional to answer those kinds of questions.”

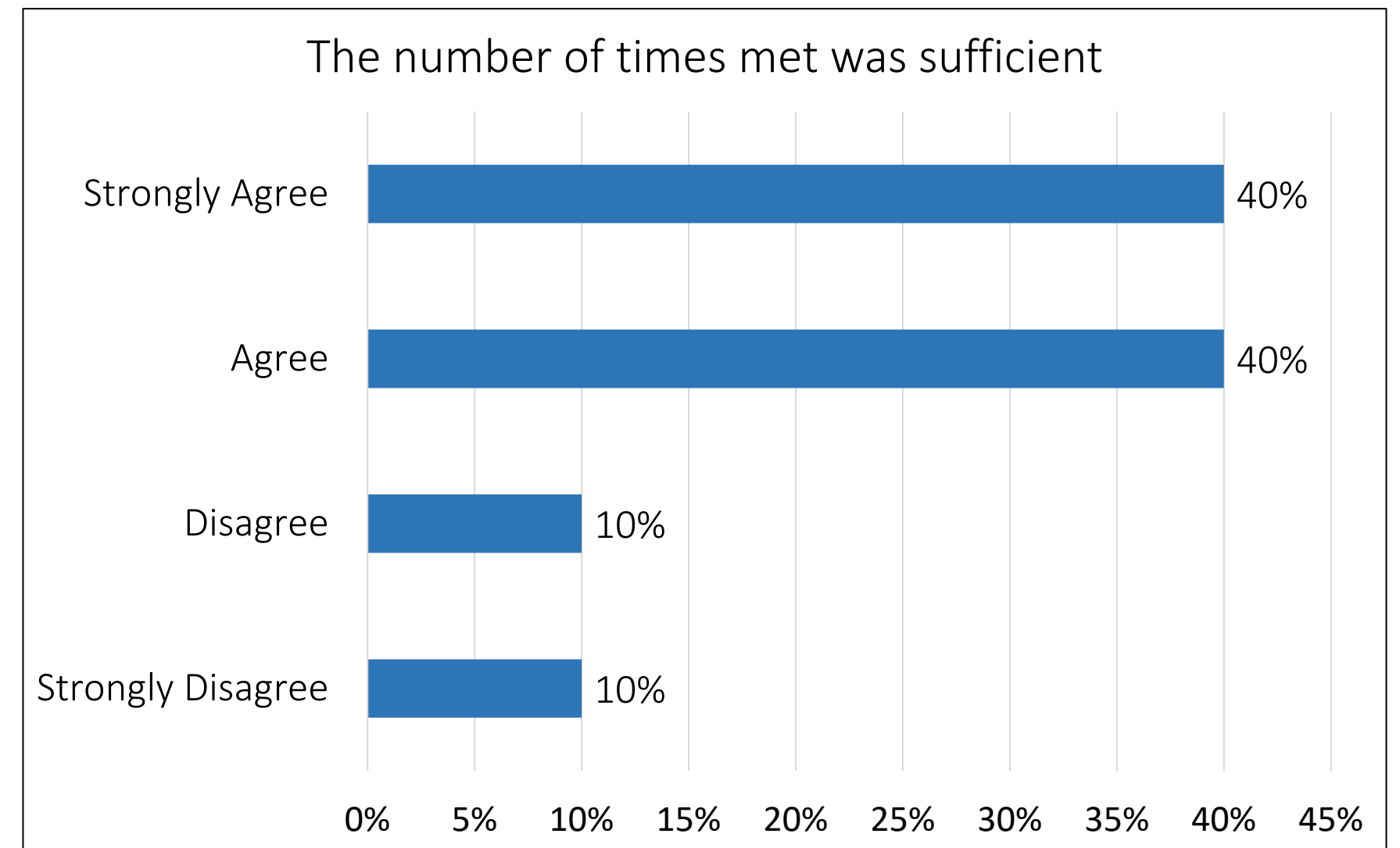
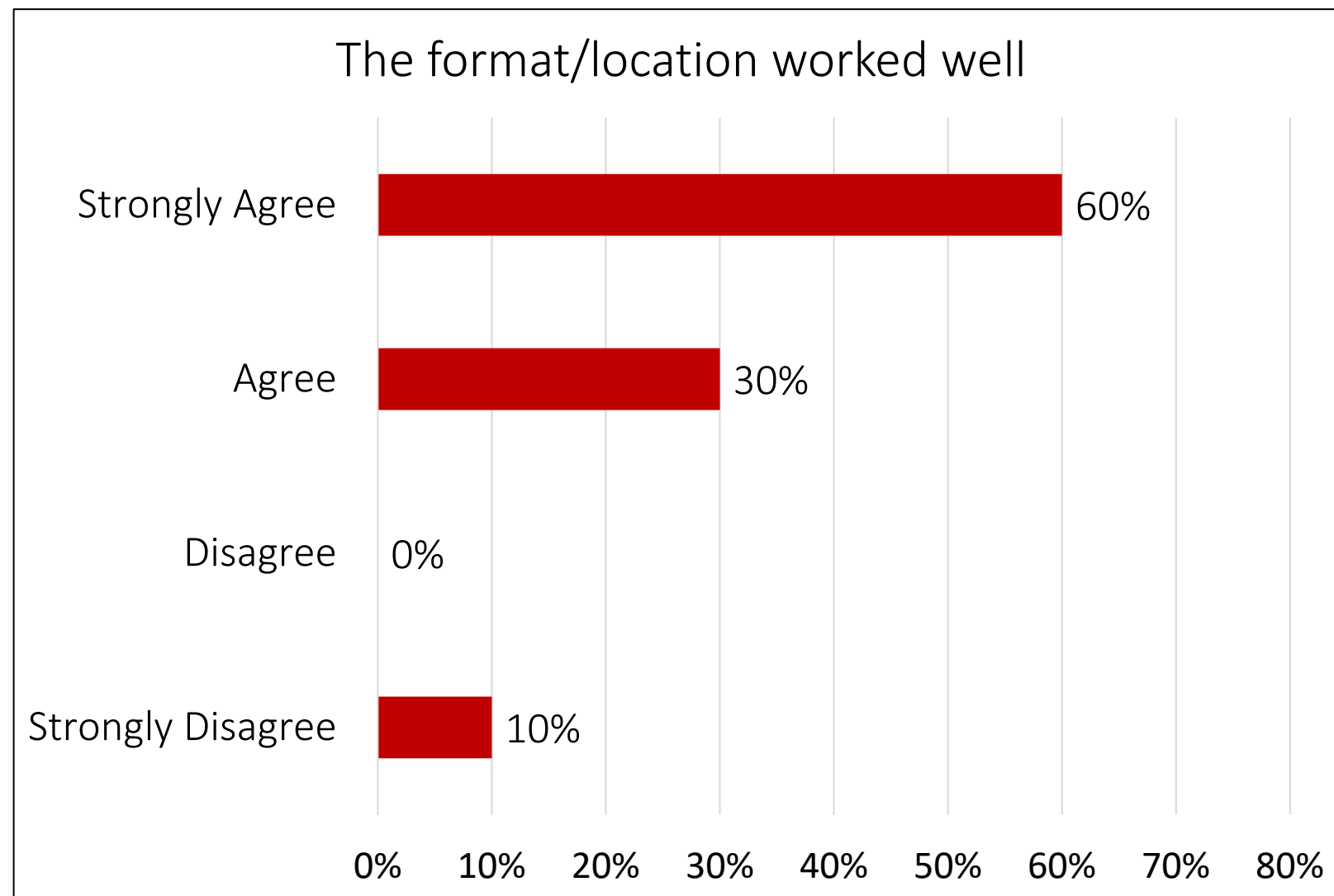
Question #6

Changes they would like included in future industry mentoring experiences.

- “I think more opportunities to have mock interviews would help with networking and interview preparation.”
- “I would like a life of X at Y company. Just to get an idea of the general work culture for companies.”
- “I would like to hear more about some of the biggest impacts or results of students participating in SFS² had in proceeding with their careers.”

Question #7

Level of agreement with the following statements regarding the logistics of their industry mentoring experiences.



Conclusion

- **Key Takeaways**
 - Students placed very high value on the core objectives of the Industry Mentor program, this indicates that the program's intended purposes are well aligned with what students want and need.
 - Overall satisfaction with the Industry Mentor program was high, with 70% of students reporting they were very satisfied with their experience, indicating strong program impact and value.
 - Students are interested in more practical career preparation to strengthen the mentoring experience.
- **Limitations**
 - For a small sample size (n=23), the response rate (43%) is considered respectable.
 - The number of observations (n=23) limits the ability to meaningfully describe or generalize the findings. With a small group of survey respondents, the need to collect data again with next year's cohort will provide more robust opportunities to draw conclusions.
 - We can identify general trends or feedback but need to avoid making broad conclusions solely based on the data from the surveys.