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Objectives:
- To demonstrate that a science library internship program can be useful for students interested in science research
- To explore the experiences of science internships in different contexts

Methods:
- Surveys and interviews with science interns from various institutions
- Analysis of program data and feedback

Results:
- Science library internships provide valuable experience for students considering science careers
- Interns gain skills in research, communication, and professional development

Conclusions:
- Science library internships are an effective way to prepare students for science careers

What Did the Boston College Libraries Gain?
- Valuable insights into the internship programs
- Increased awareness of the importance of internships
- Opportunities for improvement and enhancement of the internship program

What’s Happened Since (Fall 2010)?
- Continued implementation of the internship program
- Increased participation and feedback from students

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Goals of the Science Librarian Internship, Boston College Libraries
- To provide a unique and enriching experience for students pursuing a career in science
- To explore opportunities for growth and development in the science librarian role

Position Posting - 2010
Science Librarian Internship Opportunity
- Full-time, part-time, or as-needed
- Responsibilities: Information management, reference, collection development, and public services

Remarks from Interns and Librarians
- "I have learned so much from my internship, and I am excited to return to school with a deeper understanding of the science field and the role of a science librarian.

Structure and Tasks of Internships (2008 and 2010)
- Interns worked closely with each member of the Group through the internships, with each group member responsible for a specific task.
- Tasks included: searching for relevant literature, organizing data, and participating in team meetings.

Internship Programs Evolution
- Spring 2007 Internship
  - Science Group presented a proposal at a national conference to host an internship program.
- Summer 2007 Internship
  - Science Group selected a student to participate in the program.

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Next Steps
- The Science Group will continue to promote the internship program to students
- Future plans include expanding the program to include more students and involve other departments