

Computer Security Scholars Focus Group Questions (2008)

- 1. What are the strengths of the program as you experience it?**
- 2. What are the weaknesses?**
- 3. How did you find out about CS Scholars? What suggestions do you have for promoting CS Scholars to other students?**

4. Why did you decide to participate in CS Scholars? What was your goal?

**5. What about the research project itself: was the project manageable? Of interest?
How could you have been better prepared to engage in the material?**

6. What did you learn? Describe your confidence level in doing another research project.

7. How has participation in the CS Scholars program affected your interest in attending graduate school?

8. How has your summer research experience affected your decision to major in a STEM field?

9. How was your relationship w/ your mentor? With the graduate students who helped you? With the other students working in your mentor's research group?

10. What was it like to be on a predominantly female research team?

9. What aspects of the training sessions were most valuable? What about the Welcome/Introductory Session? Least?

10. Is the length of CS Scholars sufficient to complete your project? Please describe how your project evolved over the 10 weeks.

11. We want to follow up with you over the next couple of years: what is the best way to keep in touch?

12. Did you find the CS Scholars financial package adequate to your needs? How did it compare to other programs you might have considered?

13. How did the housing environment work out for you?

14. Other suggestions for improving our program???