## SECOND QUARTER PROGRAM REPORT



During the Second Quarter, NMSI successfully submitted a grant proposal to the USDA NIFA AFRI EWD to secure funding in support of internships and developmental opportunities for CAMP students nationwide. Parallel to the labor shortage in the US, NMSI continues to experience low student response rates and a decreased number of student applicants. This has potentially yielded unintended consequences for employment and internship placements for 2021 and 2022. Internship opportunities continue to be uncertain as employers modify and shift priorities to recover from the pandemic. A direct impact of uncertainty causes significant work output with little return. For example, this quarter, we have balanced multiple employers withdrawing internship opportunities after conducting extensive outreach for student interns and acquiring a pool of applicants while supporting placements and addressing unique financial support for students. We are looking forward to the third quarter as most universities and employers resume normal operations. We are excited for the opportunity to travel, conduct recruitment and outreach, and provide one-on-one support to students in person. In preparation for normality, we are engaging CAMP programs to solidify partnerships and collaboration efforts—likewise, strategically mapping student and employment recruitment efforts nationwide.

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