Top Secret or Real Genius?

Developing a Meaningful Internship for LIS Grad Students at Your Out-of-the-Way Library
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Session Norms

- Be respectful in your speech
- Respect the privacy of others
- Respect the time constraints of the session
Do you have a library LIS program?

- Yes: 0
- No: 12
If not, do you have an internship program for LIS students?

None of the options are correct!

No
Is it successful?

- Yes: 3
- No: 9

Total respondents: 12
Background

How the program got started?
Why we want an LIS internship at JMU Libraries?
Facts & Figures

- 5th year of internship
- 3 interns
- Cost
- $2,000 stipend + Housing
- Job Ad
- Staff Time
- Intern Project Environment
Internship Basics

- Six weeks / 200 hours
- Mentor & Supervisor
- Professional Development
Libraries Perspective

- Learn about current LIS curriculum & theory
- Mentorship & supervision experience
- Project momentum
- Contributing to the profession
Intern's Perspective: Background

- University of Michigan
- Course credit requirement
- Reflections & Mentor
- Practical approach & Professional development
Intern's Perspective: The Work

- ArchivesSpace Migration
- Apply concepts learned in class
- Marketable skill for job search
- Experiment on mini-project of interest
Intern's Perspective: Other Benefits

- Meetings with other staff
- Sitting in on a job presentation
- Growing network as a new professional
- Explore Virginia
Discussion

- Ethical considerations?
- Financial considerations?
- What makes an internship program successful?
Takeaways - Questions to consider

- How to secure funding? Is it necessary?
- How to build institutional buy-in?
- How to build sustainability & scale up?
- How does this fit into existing offerings -- institutional, regional, etc.?
- Who can commit to being involved?
- How to make your program ethical?
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