

**ASSESSING THE STATE OF INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME BY THE UTG**  
**RESEARCH CONDUCTED BY THE RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF**  
**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE:**

**Demographic Information:**

**1. Gender:**

- ☐ Male ☒ Female

**2. Year Graduated:**

- ☐ 2018 ☐ 2019 ☐ 2020 ☐ 2021 ☒ 2022

**3. Age:**

- ☒ 21-35 ☐ 36-45 ☐ 46-55 ☐ 55 above

**4. School/Faculty:**

- ☐ Education  
☐ Law  
☐ Agriculture  
☐ Arts & Science  
☐ Engineering  
☒ BPA  
☐ Allied Health Sci. & Medicine  
☐ Journalism  
☐ ITC

**Employment Status:**

- ☒ Employed  
☐ Not employed

No.	Questions	Yes	No
1.	Did participating in internship enhance your job prospects upon graduation?	✓	
2.	Did your internship experience provide you with valuable networking opportunities that helped you in your job search?		✓
3.	Did the internship provide you with specific job-related skills or experiences that were directly applicable to your first job after graduation?	✓	
4.	Are you satisfied with the level of support and guidance you received from the UTG during the course of your internship?	✓	
5.	Did you feel that the institution you have chosen offered limited opportunities for skill development or career advancement during your internship?	✓	
6.	Were there any mismatches between your expectations and the actual experience at the institution that led to your dissatisfaction?	✓	
7.	Were there any organizational or structural issues within the chosen institution that hindered your ability to maximize your learning and growth during the internship?	✓	
8.	Did the institution fail to provide you with adequate support, guidance, or resources during your internship, contributing to your dissatisfaction?	✓	
9.	Did the institution's organizational culture or work environment negatively impact your overall internship experience?		✓
10.	Do you think internship should be a standing national policy for all tertiary institutions?	✓	

11. In what ways did your internship experience contribute to your knowledge and skills that are relevant to your desired field of employment?

The internship gave me an opportunity to harness my soft skills which contributes significantly to my current job.

12. What specific aspects of the internship experience do you believe had the greatest impact on your ability to penetrate the job market?

The trainings from the UTG Career & Wellness Counseling Center, and the psychometrics test conducted for us by the UTG.

13. What challenges, if any, did you face in securing internship at the institution where you did your internship?

Implementation of the recommendations we gave were one of the challenges we faced during the internship. The willingness for retention from the institution after the project ended was also a challenge, thus we had to seek for other employment.

14. How did you balance your academic commitments at the UTG with your internship responsibilities?

I had completed my course work during the internship; however, I was writing my B.Sc. thesis. As challenging as it was, leaning to multi task during those moments were one of the skills that made things easier for me and given that we were in teams of three individual for each council, the responsibilities were of shared & coordinated one.

15. What would you recommend on the way forward for internship either at the UTG or elsewhere in the country?

Internship should be incorporated in all tertiary education system in the Gambia, as it increases employability for fresh graduates. My case is evident, as compared to my colleagues, I got a wonderful job offer roughly in one month after my graduation. This would have not been possible without any internship, thus I will strongly recommend for the continuation and more collaboration in implementation of such programs.