

# Open Avenues Student Post-Project Survey [15 min]

Thank you for participating in Open Avenues' Industry Project! 🍌🍌🍌 Our team would love to learn how it went for you, so we can keep improving student experiences 🤝

Open Avenues will keep your responses **anonymous** while:

- Sharing survey results with your Project Leader
- Sharing **aggregated** survey results in reports published on our website and sent to partner schools

We won't use any information that you shared for discriminatory purposes. If now or in the future you have any concerns about it, please reach out to us

at [ed@openavenuesfoundation.org](mailto:ed@openavenuesfoundation.org) or through this anonymous form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/iRzaP4yLQZ>.

Best of luck in all your future endeavors, whether they're related to STEM/Business directly (📊)

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Open Avenues' Education Team

\* Required

1. What's your **full name**? \*

Elijah Williams

2. What **email address** did you use for your Open Avenues project?

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3. Select the name of your **Project Leader**. \*

Noé Fontana

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4. What are **2-3 things** learned during the project that you'll remember the most?

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It can be anything related to actual project work, job search, career options, etc. 😊

Conceptual: How to solve for the inverse and forward kinematics of 2R Robot  
Mathematics: Application of Homogeneous Matrices to change of coordinates (pose)  
Software: Git commands, searching documentation, problem-solving and trouble-shooting a library

## 5. What changes to the project flow do you recommend us to make? \*

	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Keep the same	<input type="radio"/> Increase	<input type="radio"/> Decrease
Total number of project weeks and group sessions	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Office hours	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
1:1 meetings	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Independent work between sessions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Introducing new concepts ("lecture" part)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Demoing tasks and troubleshooting issues	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Career-related chats during project meetings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Career-related assignments in Slack	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Collaboration between students	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Slack communication	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## 6. What else should we change in this project to make it more relevant **for you and students like you?**

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Please share **1-3 suggestions** on the project content, structure and pace, as well as anything related to meetings with the Project Leader (working sessions, office hours, 1:1 check-ins).

1. Less independent research, hard evaluate algorithms without background knowledge in optimization / robotics

7. How many **1:1 meetings** did you have with Open Avenues industry experts (including your Project Leader)? \*

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8. How many **new contacts** have you added to your **LinkedIn profile** during the Open Avenues project? \*

- ☒ **1-9**
- ☐ **10-19**
- ☐ More than **20**
- ☐ I haven't connected with Open Avenues industry experts and students on LinkedIn

9. Do you plan to **add this project** to your resume and/or LinkedIn profile? \*

- ☐ I've already done it.
- ☐ I plan to do it soon.
- ☒ Not sure yet.
- ☐ No, this project is less aligned with my career goals than I expected.

10. What **hard and soft skills** have you improved during the project, and to what extent? \*

	 Significantly improved	 Slightly improved	 Didn't improve
Core technical skills	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Problem solving skills	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Organizational skills	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Interview skills	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Working with people from diverse cultural backgrounds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Working collaboratively within a team	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Time management skills	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Networking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Presentation skills	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

11. How did your experience with Open Avenues' Industry Project influence your interest in **STEM / Business** careers? \*

- ☒ Made me **MORE LIKELY** to pursue a career in STEM or Business
- ☐ **Did not influence** my opinion on pursuing a career in STEM or Business
- ☐ Made me **LESS LIKELY** to pursue a career in STEM or Business

12. Do you think **your school** should offer more industry projects like this one?

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☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Other

13. How likely is it that you'd recommend **this particular** Industry Project to a fellow student or friend? \*

1: won't recommend to anyone

5: recommend to any student with similar career interest

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14. For many people, belongingness is an important consideration when they apply to jobs: it's great to feel accepted and recognized by colleagues as a whole human being. How has your **sense of belonging** to the field you're interested in changed during the Open Avenues project? \*

*"**Diversity** is having a seat at the table, **inclusion** is having a voice, and **belonging** is having that voice be heard."* Liz Fosslien

☒ I'm **more confident** that I and people with my background can feel belonging in the workplace.

☐ My sense of belonging **hasn't changed**.

☐ I'm **less confident** that I and people with my background can feel belonging in the workplace.

15. Please rate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements. \*

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I built a strong relationship with my Project Leader where I can see him/her as a mentor.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I met students and industry leaders I felt identified with.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel I belong to a community of global and local talent.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I understand better the requirements for getting a job in the STEM / Business industry.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I understand better that "I have what it takes" to be successful in the STEM / Business industry.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

16. We'd like to ask you to write **a brief review** that we could add to the Industry Project Leader's profile and/or use in our presentations and marketing materials.

Please write **2-3 sentences** about the Industry Project experience and mention the Project Leader's name if you'd like to.

Here're several example from our past projects:

- *My Open Avenues micro-internship was a very rewarding experience. Alex Batchelor really encouraged me to start envisioning myself in the career I want and helped me develop the programming skills I would need to get there. The project introduced me to new concepts and modules in Python I had never used before.*
- *Nishith does an amazing job explaining and pacing the project. We progressed through the project in small easy-to-understand steps so that by the end we were able to learn a lot about NCBI BLAST and phylogram generation and complete the project with ease. I highly recommend this experience to all students.*
- *Gaby gave an awesome holistic overview of the wind energy industry and the considerations that are relevant to her job. I loved exploring a career path I hadn't thought of before while using some of the tools that her company uses on many projects.*

I greatly enjoyed my Open Avenues micro-internship under Noe, who provided an immersive experience into world of robotics. Through one-on-one and group meetings, he helped us learn relevant concepts such as optimization and Model predictive control, while also emphasizing the skills of problem-solving, communication, and collaboration along the way. Although it was challenging few weeks, I would recommend this experience to anyone interested in the field!

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