

ENGINEERING CO-OP PROGRAM

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GUIDE



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

WHAT IS CO-OP?

The UBC Engineering Co-op Program will enhance your education with paid, relevant, technical work experience and launch your engineering career.

The Co-op Program will help you build the skills to expand your network, secure work terms that will act as a stepping stone as you discover your career goals and build your confidence when seeking employment now and upon graduation.

Participation in the Co-op Program gives you financial freedom. You will earn a salary during each four-month co-op work term paid by the employer.

Co-op is available for the following disciplines:

- Biomedical
- Chemical
- Chemical & Biological
- Civil *
- Computer
- Electrical *
- Environmental
- Geological
- Integrated
- Manufacturing *
- Materials
- Mechanical *
- Mining

** Also supported at UBC Okanagan*





WHY JOIN CO-OP?

By joining the Co-op Program, you will be well prepared, academically and professionally, for your future career. Over 90% of Co-op employers are interested in hiring Co-op students for permanent positions upon graduation.

As a Co-op student you will:

- Gain practical, paid technical engineering-related work experience
- Develop industry networks and mentoring opportunities with Professional Engineers
- Gain up to 12 months work credit towards your Engineer in Training (EIT) status
- Work in B.C., across Canada or around the world
- Master your résumé, cover letter, job search and interview skills
- Earn while you learn
- Enhance your employability for after graduation

HOW TO APPLY?

Students will apply to the Co-op Program in September of their second or third academic year.

Application involves submitting a resume and answering short answer questions. You may be invited to participate in an Intake Interview upon submission of your application. Entrance into the program is based on:

- Academic standing
- Written and verbal communication skills
- Professionalism and Co-op career motivation

For more information and to access the application, please visit our website at:
www.coop.engineering.ubc.ca

HOW MUCH WILL I EARN?

DISCIPLINE	Junior Level Average Salary	Intermediate Level Average Salary	Senior Level Average Salary
Biomedical	\$3,300	\$3,300	N/A
Chemical & Biological	\$2,961	\$3,510	\$3,811
Civil	\$3,223	\$3,443	\$3,381
Computer	\$3,066	\$3,513	\$3,649
Electrical	\$3,057	\$3,249	\$3,584
Environmental	\$3,332	\$4,482	\$3,872
Geological	\$3,152	\$3,416	\$4,086
Integrated	\$3,057	\$3,581	\$3,289
Mechanical	\$3,099	\$3,157	\$3,357
Materials	\$3,105	\$3,358	\$3,471
Mining	\$4,021	\$4,433	\$4,556
Masters of Engineering	N/A	N/A	\$3,824

*The table shows the average monthly salary for UBC Engineering Co-op students in 2017/2018 from our UBC and UBC Okanagan campuses who participated domestic industry Engineering Co-op work terms. Please note that these figures do not include academic or international salaries and do not show the variances between small and large industries.

WHEN DO I GO ON A CO-OP WORK TERM?

The Co-op Program will add a year to your Bachelor of Applied Science degree. The schedule shows our standard timetable of when you will work. There is the flexibility for you to accept longer work terms with the approval of the Co-op Program.

WHAT ARE THE SCHEDULES?

All schedules are viewable at www.coop.engineering.ubc.ca

		FALL TERM				WINTER TERM				SUMMER TERM			
UNDERGRADUATE		SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG
BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE*	YR 1												
	YR 2												
	YR 3												
	YR 4												
	YR 5												

*Schedule will vary based on discipline. Please refer to respective program website for more information.

WORKSTUDYVACATION

WHAT ARE THE PROGRAM FEES?

To participate in the Co-op program, students must pay a non-refundable administration and workshop fee upon acceptance to the program. There is also a Co-op course fee for each confirmed 4-month Co-op work term. For up to date fee information, please visit the UBC Academic Calendar.

HOW DO I SECURE A CO-OP WORK TERM?



PRE-EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOPS

Participate in a series of in-person workshops to develop your resume and cover letter, job search and interview skills.




JOB SEARCH

Work with your designated Co-op coordinator to create a job search plan. Gain access to an online job board of Engineering Co-op job opportunities, available *only* to Co-op students. Apply for jobs in your field, get short-listed and interview with prospective employers. From your first Co-op work term through to graduation, you will receive continued support and guidance in your career.



JOB OFFER

You are now on your way to your first engineering job.



90%

OF CO-OP EMPLOYERS ARE INTERESTED
IN HIRING CO-OP GRADUATES

25,000+

WORK TERMS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED
BY CO-OP STUDENTS SINCE 1980

UBC ENGINEERING CO-OP STUDENTS
WORK INTERNATIONALLY IN OVER

25

COUNTRIES AROUND THE GLOBE EACH YEAR

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