**UBC SCIENCE CO-OP STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD 2025**

The purpose of the UBC Science Co-op Student of the Year Award is to recognize a recipient’s achievements in their job performance, academic performance, their contributions to the UBC community, their employer, the Co-op program, or the general community, and their involvement in extra-curricular activities.

# **AWARD**

* $1,000 cash prize
* An engraved plaque
* Opportunity to be nominated for the Association for Co-operative Education and Work-Integrated Learning BC/Yukon (ACE-WIL) or Co-operative Education and Work-Integrated Learning Canada (CEWIL Canada).

# **ELIGIBILITY**

* The candidate must be a current UBC Science Co-op student
* The candidate has completed, or is in the process of completing, at least two Co-op work terms
* The candidate has not previously won the award

# **SELECTION CRITERIA**

Candidates are evaluated based on their impact to the three main stakeholders of Co-operative education. Each criterion carries 1/3 of the overall score. Subsequent review within the committee of the merits of top candidates (based on initial scores) helps to determine the winners.

1. Impact on employer

2. Impact on student (self)

3. Impact on institution

Candidates may self-nominate by completing the application themselves or be nominated by   
a fellow student. A Co-op Coordinator from the Faculty of Science may also nominate students.

# **APPLICATION PACKAGE**

Application packages should contain the following items, in one PDF, presented in the order below:

1. Nomination form
2. Employer support form or reference letter (completed and signed)
3. Student’s essay (2 pages maximum) on the benefits of Co-operative education on their personal and career development
4. Student’s Resume

Submit your application package electronically to [csadmin@sciencecoop.ubc.ca](mailto:csadmin@sciencecoop.ubc.ca)

Application Deadline: **Monday, Nov 3rd @9am**

**CO-OP STUDENT OF THE YEAR — NOMINATION PACKAGE**

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| Student Full Name |  |
| Student ID |  |
| Program Major |  |
| Program Coordinator |  |
| Year Level |  |
| Cumulative Average |  |
| Email |  |
| Phone |  |
| Please check the box to  provide consent | * I understand by submitting the application, I am giving the UBC Science Co-op Programs the permission to quote from my application for testimonials or promotional materials relating to the Co-op Program. |
| Date |  |
| Signature |  |

**STUDENT NOMINATION FORM**

1. What are the top reasons (up to three) why you as the student chose to nominate yourself? (Up to 3 bullet points, max 150 words total)

1. Describe how you fulfill each of the following criteria and **provide specific and concrete examples for each section below (Approximately 250 words for each section).**

**Impact on Co-op Employer**

* + Significant impact, above normal expected performance or extraordinary achievement
  + Bringing new ideas, solutions, perspectives drawn from your academic study
  + Initiative to become involved outside of your regular expectations; may include being invited to represent organization (i.e., presentations, public events, or stakeholder consultations)

**Impact on Student**

* Evidence of reflective learning and implementation of that learning through Co-op assignments, academic choices, and career choices
* Co-op goal setting and achievement; overcoming challenges; evidence of effort to engage in Co-op
* Articulation of relevance between study, work experience, and career-focused learning

**Impact on Institution**

* Ambassador of institution/promoter of Co-operative Education
* Mentor/help other Co-op students
* Application of your enriched learning back on campus
* Contribution to the community

**STUDENT RATIONALE ESSAY**

**An essay on the benefits of Co-operative Education on your personal and career development  
The essay should be contextualized in the student’s experience and could include topics such as:**

* Reasons why you participated in Co-op and why you are happy you did;
* Reflection on how Co-operative education has enhanced your personal, academic, and career development;
* The impact your Co-operative education experience has had on your understanding of your program of study and career possibilities
* 2 pages maximum

**Student’s Resume**

Provide your resume detailing your academic achievements, co-op work terms, extra curricular activities and other relevant information.

**EMPLOYER SUPPORT FORM**

The Awards Committee is also interested in the employer perspective. Application packages require one supportive document from a Co-op supervisor. They can either complete the **form** below **or** provide a **reference letter** covering the following areas:

• The student’s duties/responsibilities

• The student’s impact to the workplace

• Outstanding work achievements (cost savings, process/quality improvements,

design/development innovations, improved customer service, significant research or other

initiatives, etc.)

• Duties or opportunities that were assigned to the student in addition to typical work

responsibilities because the student performed above expectations

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| **Student Nominee’s Name:** |  |
| **Supporter’s Name:** |  |
| **Supporter’s Organization:** |  |
| **Dates of Student’s work with organization:** |  |

1. **Basic duties of the Student Nominee while with organization:** (approx. 250 words)
2. **Describe how the student made a significant contribution** (i.e., to your workplace, your stakeholders, project completion, bottom line, strategic goals, etc.). Please use at least one example and indicate the impact to the organization. (approx. 250 words)
3. **Did you give the student extra duties or opportunities because they performed above expectations and if so, please provide an example.** (approx. 250 words)
4. **Do you have other comments that you think the awards committee should know?**

* I received permission to support the above student for the ACE-WIL BC/Yukon or CEWIL Co-op Student of the Year Award (2025) and ACE-WIL BC/Yukon or CEWIL has my permission to use non-confidential information for promotional purposes.

Signature (required): Date: