ubc science co-op

Computer Science & Cognitive Systems

Co-op Program

Overview
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What is Co-op?

Academic Studies

- Classroom Knowledge

Work Experience

- Latest technologies
- Industry knowledge
- Business practices

Build Network

- Supervisor/Mentor
- Co-workers
- Other Co-ops
What are the Benefits?

• Gain **industry knowledge** and a breadth of **work experience**

• Develop software skills **beyond the classroom**

• Gain **perspective on future courses** and apply knowledge in the classroom and in the industry

• Graduate with a solid work history and **be job ready**

• Acquire important **life skills** such as networking, communication and teamwork skills

• Earn money to help **pay for tuition**
Why Do Employers Hire UBC Co-ops?

• Hire the **best and the brightest** students who have been pre-screened and are career-ready

• Connect with students who bring **fresh ideas**, perspectives, theories and technologies

• Love students that are **enthusiastic**, motivated and eager-to-learn

• Build a **future talent pipeline** for hiring new graduates

• Give back by **mentoring** students
Who is Eligible?

**Academic Requirements**

- BSc (incl COGS)/BCom/BA: completed or completing CPSC 121, 210
- BCS: Completing CPSC 110 (apply in your first study term at UBC)
- Full-time student status
- 30+ credits remaining at time of application
- Minimum B- average
- Good communication skills and maturity
Basic Requirements

Commitment to the Co-op Program
• Complete all workshops
• Diligently engage in the job search
• Be open and flexible to job opportunities

Work Term Completion (Varies by Program)
• BSc (incl COGS): Four to five 4-month work terms
• BCS: Two 4-month work terms
• BCom and BA: Three 4-month work terms
• Work terms cannot all be in the Summer and must end on a full academic term

Program Fees
• Workshop Fee: payable one time
• Co-op Fee: payable for each 4-month work term
• Co-op fees are subject to change. Please refer to the UBC Calendar for the most current information
How do I Apply?

Apply Online

- Online application [www.sciencecoop.ubc.ca](http://www.sciencecoop.ubc.ca)
- Sign Terms and Conditions
- Resume and unofficial transcript **in one document**

Deadline Dates

- Check [www.sciencecoop.ubc.ca](http://www.sciencecoop.ubc.ca) for deadline dates
- **Two** application periods: Winter and Fall
How Am I Assessed?

Application
- Online Submission
- Quality of responses to application questions

Resume
- Technical Projects
- Work Experience
- Volunteer Experience
- Extracurricular Activities

Intake Interview
- Communication Skills
- Professionalism
- Teamwork Skills
- Leadership Skills
- Open and Flexible
- Willingness to Relocate
What Are My Schedule Options?

- Co-op schedules vary depending on when you apply to the Co-op Program (Winter or Fall)

- Please refer to [http://www.sciencecoop.ubc.ca/prospective/apply/cs](http://www.sciencecoop.ubc.ca/prospective/apply/cs) to view the Co-op schedule (varies by program)
Winter Application Timeline

- **March:** Application Deadline
- **March/April:** Intake Interviews
- **May:** Admission Notification (after grades are posted)
- **May/June or Sept-Dec:** Workshops
- **January (Next Year):** First Co-op Term Begins
Workshop Preparation

• All students complete **mandatory workshops** once accepted into the Co-op Program

• Topics covered include:
  • Resumes
  • Cover Letters
  • Technical Interview Techniques
  • Job Search Strategies
  • Job Readiness Preparation
More Information

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