Computer Science & Cognitive Systems
Co-op Program

Science Co-op
Overview

What is Co-op?

Co-op Schedule

What is the Application Process?

FAQ

UBC Science Co-op Programs
What is Co-op?

Academic Studies

Professional Network

Work Experience

UBC Science Co-op Programs
What are the Benefits?

- Important Life Skills
- Hands-On Work Experience
- $$$ for Tuition

Tackle the Post-Graduation Job Market Confidently.

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Employers love hiring UBC Co-ops

...The brightest and self-motivated are with co-op!

...It builds a future talent pipeline for hiring new graduates!

...UBC Co-ops have great reputation!

...They love to mentor!
Supporting Co-op Students’ Success

- Resumes & Cover Letters Reviews
- Interview Preparation
- Workshops & 1-on-1 Support

- Develop Job Opportunities
- Facilitate Job Offer Process
- General Advising

- Create Networking Opportunities
- Maintain Employer Relationships

- Site Visits
- Advise and Resolve Workplace Issues
- Manage Work-terms

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Co-op Workshops

- Crafting strong resumes
- Writing effective cover letters
- Searching for jobs with strategies
- Preparing for interviews (technical and non-technical)
- Transitioning successfully from school to work
- Recognizing discrimination, bullying, and harassment at the workplace

All workshops are mandatory and must be completed prior to start of job search
Co-op Schedule and Timeline
Co-op Schedule Options?

- Several entry points for admission; all options will provide you with a similar Co-op experience
- Rule of thumb: your start term will be about 1 year after your application
- Students who take CPSC 121 and/or 210 in term 2 can apply in term 2
- Students who take CPSC 121 and/or 210 in the summer can apply in the following fall term
- Please refer to http://www.sciencecoop.ubc.ca/prospective/apply/cs
Co-op Schedule (Fall Application)

Schedule B for BSc Students - Fall Application

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*Apply as soon as you are eligible to maximize your time, and thus opportunities in Co-op*

UBC Science Co-op Programs
How do I Apply?
Who is Eligible?

* Full-time student status
* Majoring in **CPSC/COGS** now; or no major yet and will declare CPSC as a major
* 30+ credits remaining at time of application to Co-op
* Minimum B- average

- **BSc(CPSC,COGS)/BCom/BA**
  - Completed or completing CPSC 121, 210

- **BCS**
  - Completing CPSC 110 (apply in your 1st or 2nd study term at UBC)

* BSc = 4 years; BCS = 2 years
Basic Requirements

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

**Work Term Completion (Varies by Program*)**
- BSc (CPSC, 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 degree on a full academic term

**Program Fees**
- Administration and Workshop Fee: One-time fee
- Co-op Fee: payable for each 4-month work term that you have secured a job (same for domestic and international students)
- **Total:** Admission/Workshop fee + (4 x co-op course fee)
- *Co-op fees are subject to change. Please refer to the UBC Calendar for the most current information*
I am currently in another major, can I apply to CS Co-op?

- If you currently have a declared major (e.g. Math, CMS), please apply to the co-op program of your current major.
- You can transfer to CS Co-op once you become a CS major.
- Once admitted into the Science Co-op program, you have access to ALL the job postings in different disciplines.
Which program should I apply to when I am a combined/double major?

• Submit ONE application only --- based on career preference, or the discipline you’d like to start your first work term in

• Should the two combined programs have different application timeline, we recommend that you apply to the program that accepts applicants with an earlier timeline

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How many students are accepted?

• The Co-op program doesn’t have a cap on the number of seats, i.e. students are not competing against each other for admission
• Admission rate varies by year, ranging from 75-85%
International students will need a Co-op work permit to work in Canada

The Co-op office will assist you in applying for the co-op work permit

Fees and application process to the Co-op program are the same for domestic and international students, though there are co-op jobs with citizenship restrictions.
Co-op Beyond Borders

UBC Science Co-op Programs
How Do I Apply?

**Apply Online**
- Online application
  www.sciencecoop.ubc.ca
- Resume and non-UBC transcript in **one document**

**Deadline Dates**
- **Oct 7, 2021 (Thur) 11:59 pm**

**Transcript:**
- From UBC: no transcript needed (we check directly from the UBC system)
- Any other post-secondary non-UBC transcript (including overseas):
  - Non-official transcript/screen captures are fine
  - Combine with resume into 1 file
How Am I Assessed?

Application
- Online Submission
- Quality of responses to application questions

Resume
- Technical Projects (academic or personal)
- Work Experience (eg. McDonald’s, Camp Counsellor)
- Volunteer Experience
- Extracurricular Activities

Intake Interview
- Communication
- Professionalism
- Teamwork Skills
- Leadership Skills
- Open and Flexible
- Willingness to Relocate

* This will not be the same resume employers see
Fall Application Timeline

- **Oct 7**
  - Application Deadline

- **Oct/Nov**
  - Intake Interviews

- **Jan 2022**
  - Admission Notification

- **Jan-Apr**
  - Workshops

- **May-Aug**
  - Job Search Period

- **Sep 2022**
  - First Co-op Term Begins
More information:

www.sciencecoop.ubc.ca