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Co-op Program

Science Co-op
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What is Co-op?

- **Work-integrated learning**: curricular experiential education that formally integrates a student’s academic studies with quality experiences within a workplace. It aids in the development of student learning objectives and outcomes related to:
  - Employability
  - Agency
  - Knowledge and skill mobility
  - life-long learning

- **A Co-op Program** is designed to integrate learning by *alternating academic terms and paid work terms*.
- Work terms provide experience in a workplace setting related to the student’s field of study.
- The number of required work terms varies by program; however, the time spent in work terms must be at least 30% of the time spent in academic study for programs over 2 years in length and 25% of time for programs 2 years and shorter in length.

Co-operative Education and Work-Integrated Learning Canada (CEWIL Canada)

[Work Integrated Learning (cewilcanada.ca)]
What is Co-op?

Work Experience

Academic Studies

Professional Network
Benefits of Co-op

- Workplace Savvy
- Hands-on Experience Sought by Industry
- Preparedness for Post Graduation Job Market
- Clarity of Career Path
- Professional Network
- Better Resume
- $$$ for tuition
- Confidence

Secondary Benefit

UBC Science Co-op Programs
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
- CCM 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
- Requirements to apply to co-op (needs to be complete in semester applying)
  - **BSc Year 2 students**: STAT 200, 302 (or Math 302)
  - **BSc Year 3 students**: STAT 200, 301, 302 (or Math 302), STAT 305 or 306
  - **BA students**: ECON 325, 326, 323 (323 is optional)
- Please refer to [http://www.sciencecoop.ubc.ca/prospective/apply/stats](http://www.sciencecoop.ubc.ca/prospective/apply/stats)
Co-op Schedule

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Apply as soon as you are eligible to maximize your time, and thus opportunities in Co-op
How do I Apply?
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 (STATS): Four to five 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)
- Co-op fees are subject to change. Please refer to the UBC Calendar for the most current information
International Students

International students can participate in the Co-op program

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.
How Do I Apply?

Apply Online

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

Deadline Dates

Spring early March
Fall early October
Refer to the co-op website for exact dates

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/Analytical Projects (academic or personal)
- Work Experience (eg. McDonald’s, Camp Counsellor)
- Extracurricular Activities

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

* Note: assessment will not be done prior. Please do not email asking if should apply and assess prior to application deadline.
Co-op Timelines

Fall Application Time Line

- Oct: Application Deadline
- Nov / Dec: Intake Interviews
- Jan: Admission Notification
- Jan - Apr: Workshops
- May - Aug: Job Search Period
- Sep: First Co-op Term Begins

Spring Application Time Line

- Mar: Application Deadline
- Apr / May: Intake Interviews
- July: Admission Notification
- Aug-Oct: Workshops
- Sep-Dec: Job Search Period
- Jan: First Co-op Term Begins

General Rule of thumb: students typically start their Work Term about 1 year after applying to the Co-op Program
I am currently in another major, can I apply to Stats Co-op?

- If you currently have a declared major (e.g. CMS, Physics), please apply to the co-op program of your current major and follow their application requirements.
- You can transfer to Stats Co-op once you become a Stats major.
- Once students are admitted into the Science Co-op program, they have access to ALL job postings in the 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

• Once you are admitted to Science Co-op, you have access to all jobs in the job portal
How many students are accepted?

• The Co-op program doesn’t have an admission upper limit, i.e. students are not competing against each other for admission

• Admission rate varies by year, ranging from 70-80%
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For details on contests, info sessions, workshops, deadlines, and more!
More information:
www.sciencecoop.ubc.ca