



MULTI-FACULTY

CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Co-operative Education Program takes you beyond the classroom! You will gain real world work experience and put the knowledge that you've learned in the classroom into action.

Co-op education is a structured way of learning that combines in-class learning with periods of actual work. This working experience is called a co-op placement. While on placement, you get to network with employers and gain valuable work experience in your chosen field. In some cases you can earn 3 academic credits per work term. These credits count toward your degree or diploma.

The University of Winnipeg's Co-operative Education Program is **open to students in all faculties** at the University. Placements have included students from Applied Computer Science, Biology, Business, Economics, Kinesiology, and Rhetoric, Writing & Communications.

You can complete up to four work terms, each typically four months long; terms can start in May, September or January. The majority of placements start in May and end in August. You will be working in a professional environment where you will use the knowledge and skills that you have learned in the classroom - plus you get paid for it! Most co-op students last summer earned \$11.50 - 17.00 per hour.

When you complete a work term through the University's Co-op Program, it **appears on your transcript**, whether you choose the for-credit option or the not-for-credit option. When you complete three work terms, you will receive a **Co-operative Education Designation** on your degree when you graduate.

BENEFITS OF JOINING THE CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM

You get to put what you've learned into action. Co-op placements give you the chance to apply the latest theories and approaches you've learned in the classroom, giving you real work experience in your field.

You can make money. Co-op placements are paid positions. This paid work experience can be a really great opportunity to learn how to manage your money, not to mention pay for your school-related costs.

You can be more competitive. Co-op placements can give you an edge when you're competing for jobs. It shows employers that you not only have academic training, you can also actually do the job!

You can test-drive your career. Co-op placements can give you a taste of real-life work experience to help you decide whether this is the right career path for you or open you up to possibilities you hadn't considered.

SAMPLE OF PARTICIPATING EMPLOYERS

- RBC
- Scotiabank
- Cambrian Credit Union
- Winnipeg Sport & Leisure Centre
- Workers Compensation Board of Manitoba
- Great-West Life
- Resolute Technologies
- Department of Fisheries and Oceans
- Richardson International Ltd.
- Manitoba Civil Service
- Manitoba Hydro
- Manitoba Lotteries
- Canada Revenue Agency
- Canada Border Services Agency
- Canada Immigration and Citizenship
- PepsiCo
- MNP
- Deloitte
- SkipTheDishes
- Liquor and Gaming Authority of Manitoba
- Statistics Canada
- Industry Canada
- TD Bank
- Agriculture & AgriFoods Canada
- Grain Commission of Canada
- National Microbiology Lab
- Public Works & Government Services Canada
- Canadian School of Public Services
- Conservation & Water Stewardship

“Joining the Coop Program is one of the best decisions I have ever made. The knowledge and skills gained through this program have helped me tremendously.”

– Salima BeHarry, Summer Coop 2016 with Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)

ALL APPLICANTS MUST:

- Be registered in a degree program at UWinnipeg and **have completed 30 credit hours of study**;
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.00;
- Submit a co-op application form plus cover letter, resume, 2 references, an unofficial transcript;
- Sign a “Terms and Conditions” agreement;
- Be returning to University after completing their work term;
- International Students must also submit either an Off-Campus Work Permit or a Co-op Work Permit, or contact the Coop Office to set up an assessment meeting.

HOW TO APPLY

Apply online at uwinnipeg.ca/coop-program/index.html or pick up an application from the Co-op Office. Upon admittance to the program, you must pay the co-op fee. The deadline date will be indicated upon your confirmation into the program.

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