CO-OP
Experience is everything.

Forget everything you thought you knew about student internships. Our co-op program adds up to two years of paid work experience to your résumé. With access to North America’s largest selection of co-op jobs, you’ll be able to test drive exciting careers and build an enviable professional network.

CONCRETE JUNGLE

Sometimes going beyond ideas means going beyond borders. Hannah spent her final two Management Engineering co-op terms at an investment banking company in New York City. Her experience helped her recognize the relevance and flexibility of her program. “We can shape our degree to be anything that we could possibly imagine. I really like that I can work in any industry and that I’m developing a skill set that has endless applications.”

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF INSTITUTION
Waterloo is a place of opportunity. A place to dream up new ideas and bring them to life. It’s a place to explore, experiment, and experience new things as you decide what you want to do, where you want to go, and how you want to impact the world. Located in the heart of Canada’s technology hub, Waterloo goes beyond the classroom, to a place where experience is the teacher.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF CO-OP PROGRAM
If you’re accepted into one of our 122+ co-op programs, you’ll alternate school and work terms, typically spending four months as a full-time student followed by four months as a full-time, paid employee building relevant skills within a work environment. Each work term starts with an application process; you’ll update your résumé, practice your interview responses, and meet with prospective employers. Students have a 98 percent co-op employment rate, thanks to our professional development training, career resources, and student advisors.

RANKINGS

• Most Innovative University in Canada 27 years in a row (Maclean’s 2019 reputational rankings)
• #1 in Canada for hands-on, experiential learning (Maclean’s Rankings of Comprehensive Universities)
• #4 in the world for employer partnerships (QS graduate employability rankings 2019)
• #25 in the world for graduate employability (QS graduate employability rankings 2019)
• #1 comprehensive research university in Canada for the past 11 years (Research Infosource Inc.)
• 2nd for best overall university in Canada (Maclean’s 2019 reputational rankings)
• Nobel Prize in Physics - Physics and Astronomy professor Donna Strickland won the 2018 Nobel Prize in Physics, only the third woman in history to do so.

TOP COUNTRIES

• Canada
• United States
• China
• Germany
• Netherlands
• Hong Kong
• Japan
• United Kingdom
• India
• Norway

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EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE

If you’re leaning toward a program without co-op or looking for even more ways to get hands-on experience, take advantage of programs that will help you build a stand-out résumé.

• EDGE Certificate: Develop professional skills, explore career options, and learn how to market yourself in this new program offered exclusively to students not in co-op programs
• Professional Development program: Learn the skills that will help you land jobs - and quickly climb the corporate ladder - in our free professional development courses.