

Co-op FAQ's

For Domestic Students

What is Co-op?

“Co-op” means “Co-operative Education”. A Co-op program integrates academic learning and paid work experience. Students alternate between academic terms (studying and attending classes) and work terms (at a job site working for a company).

What are the benefits of taking a Co-op program at Fanshawe?

- Apply the theory learned in college to work situations
- Gain valuable, industry-related work experience before you graduate
- Develop and refine your career plans
- Earn while you learn
- Develop your job search, interview and communication skills
- Learn valuable life skills through real work experience
- Make connections and develop your network with professionals in the field

Am I guaranteed a Co-op job?

No, students are not guaranteed jobs. You must conduct a personal job search. A Co-op work term is different than a placement. The Co-op fee you pay as part of your tuition pays for the services that we offer through the Co-op Department (Room D1063), including pre-employment workshops (COOP-1020), individual appointments and access to job postings and all our resources; it does not pay for a job.

Will anyone help me to get a Co-op job?

Yes, your Co-op Consultant is available to guide and assist you in your job search. Your Consultant will run a pre-employment workshop (COOP-1020) and will be available for individual appointments for you to ask questions.

As long as you remain academically eligible, you may apply to the job openings available on the Co-op job posting portal (Jobsite).

What is expected of me as a Co-op student?

You must meet the academic eligibility requirements set for your program.

In addition, you must:

- Successfully complete the pre-employment workshop (COOP-1020) taught by a Co-op Consultant, where you will learn about the Co-op process, how to write a resume, prepare for interviews and to conduct a successful job search
- Conduct your own job search (apply to several relevant jobs to increase your chances for success)
- Successfully complete the Health and Safety training required
- Use the services and resources offered through the Co-op Department and ask for help when you need it

Where can I work?

- Anywhere in Canada or abroad at any eligible employer
- All jobs must be pre-approved by your Co-op Consultant
- Be prepared to commute or relocate as you will have more opportunities. Many jobs are not in the city or on a bus route

How much will I get paid?

You must be remunerated for a co-op job, but wages vary depending on the job and location of the work. You should also consider other things when applying for positions, including the company, the experience you will gain, the location and your long term goals.

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