Computer Science Co-op Program

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What is Co-op?

Academic Studies
- Classroom Knowledge

Build Network
- Supervisor/Mentor
- Co-workers
- Other Co-ops

Work Experience
- Latest technologies
- Industry knowledge
- Business practices
What are the Benefits?

• Gain **industry knowledge** and a breadth of **work experience**

• Develop software skills **beyond the classroom**

• Gain **perspective on future courses** and apply knowledge in the classroom and in the industry

• Graduate with a solid work history and be **job ready**

• Acquire important **life skills** such as networking, communication and teamwork skills

• Earn money to help **pay for tuition**
Why Do Employers Hire UBC Co-ops?

- Hire the best and the brightest students who have been pre-screened and are career-ready
- Connect with students who bring fresh ideas, perspectives, theories and technologies
- Love students that are enthusiastic, motivated and eager-to-learn
- Build a future talent pipeline for hiring new graduates
- Give back by mentoring students
Who is Eligible?

**Academic Requirements**

- BSc/COGS/BCOM/BA: completed or completing CPSC 121, 210
- BCS: Completing CPSC 110 (apply in your first study term at UBC)
- Full-time student status
- 30+ credits remaining at time of application
- Minimum B- average
- Met or in the process of meeting the Communication Requirement
Basic Requirements

Commitment to the Co-op Program

• Complete all workshops
• Diligently engage in the job search
• Be open and flexible to job opportunities

Work Term Completion (Varies by Program)

• BSc/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 on a full academic term

Program Fees

• Workshop Fee: payable one time
• Co-op Fee: payable for each 4-month work term
• **Co-op fees are subject to change. Please refer to the UBC Calendar for the most current information**
How do I Apply?

Apply Online

- Online application [www.sciencecoop.ubc.ca](http://www.sciencecoop.ubc.ca)
- Sign Terms and Conditions
- Resume and unofficial transcript in one document

Deadline Dates

- Check [www.sciencecoop.ubc.ca](http://www.sciencecoop.ubc.ca) for deadline dates
- **Two** application periods: Winter and Fall
How Am I Assessed?

Application
- Online Submission
- Quality of responses to application questions

Resume
- Technical Projects
- Work Experience
- Volunteer Experience
- Extracurricular Activities

Intake Interview
- Communication Skills
- Professionalism
- Teamwork Skills
- Leadership Skills
- Open and Flexible
- Willingness to Relocate
What Are My Schedule Options?

• Co-op schedules vary depending on when you apply to the Co-op Program (Winter or Fall)

• Please refer to http://www.sciencecoop.ubc.ca/prospective/apply/cs to view the Co-op schedule (varies by program)
Winter Application Timeline

- **March**
  - Application Deadline

- **March/April**
  - Intake Interviews

- **May**
  - Admission Notification (after grades are posted)

- **January (Next Year)**
  - First Co-op Term Begins

- **May/June or Sept-Dec**
  - Workshops
Fall Application Timeline

**September**
- Application Deadline

**October**
- Intake Interviews

**November**
- Intake Interviews

**January**
- Admission Notification (after grades are posted)

**January**
- Workshops

**September (Next Year)**
- First Co-op Term Begins
Workshop Preparation

• All students complete mandatory workshops once accepted into the Co-op Program

• Topics covered include:
  • Resumes
  • Cover Letters
  • Technical Interview Techniques
  • Job Search Strategies
  • Job Readiness Preparation
More Information

www.sciencecoop.ubc.ca