

ENGINEERING CO-OP PROGRAM

Information for Students

Our Mission

The Engineering Cooperative Education Program (CO-OP) encourages students to explore the real world of engineering. This program will connect you with companies nationwide, giving you an opportunity to gain hands-on work experience prior to graduation.

What is CO-OP?

CO-OP links qualified, interested students with employers to fill engineering positions. CO-OP assignments typically last for three to six months and are paid, full-time engineering positions. Students earn credits toward a degree and maintain their full-time student status while gaining work experience.

Eligibility Requirements

Pre-engineering, undergraduate, and graduate engineering students at the UW Seattle campus can participate in CO-OP. Through this program, International students are eligible for “Curricular Practical Training” (CPT).

To apply for CO-OP positions, you must meet the requirements below. If you have not yet met the requirements, you are encouraged to get an account and will receive limited access (able to search for positions but not apply through the system) until requirements are met as follows:

- Completed at least one academic quarter at the UW and return to campus for one quarter prior to graduation
- Be matriculated full-time (12 credits for undergraduates and 10 credits for graduates) and have a GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Completed or enrolled in Math 126 and Chemistry 142 OR Math 126 and Physics 121
- Technical Communication Majors: Have completed Math 124 and Physics 114 OR Math 124 and Chemistry 120

If you receive a limited access account, and find a position through eRecruiting that you are interested in applying to, send resume to coop@engr.washington.edu specifying interest in the position.

"The experience was everything that I had hoped it would be and more.

I now have the opportunity for future employment at this company and the skills demanded to go elsewhere."

~ *Co-op student at Boston Scientific Corporation*

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Benefits to Students

- Gain access to current CO-OP positions and over 500 employers year-round
- Earn money while gaining degree related work experience. The average Co-op salary is approximately \$18 per hour!
- Receive resume, interviewing and job search tips from experienced advisers
- Receive info. about upcoming networking events, company information sessions, and career fairs
- Make personal connections which could lead to full-time employment after graduation!

2007-2008 Career Events

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| Science and Engineering Career Fair | October 25, 2007 | Sponsored by the Science and Engineering Business Association: http://students.washington.edu/seba/index.shtml |
| Minority Career Fair | January 16, 2008 | National Society of Black Engineers sponsored event: http://students.washington.edu/uwnsbe/ |
| SWE Career Fair and Evening with Industry | January 17, 2008 | Society of Women Engineers sponsored event: http://students.washington.edu/swe/EWI/index.html |
| Career Discovery Week | January 28-February 1, 2008 | This week-long campus wide event provides students with career exploration events: http://depts.washington.edu/careerwk/index.php |
| Women in Science and Engineering Conference | February 3, 2008 | Coordinated by Engineering Advising & Diversity Center: http://www.engr.washington.edu/wise/conference.html |
| Spring Career Fair | April 2008 | Sponsored by the UW Center for Career Services for companies recruiting full-time jobs, internships, and co-ops: https://depts.washington.edu/careers/students/events.php#16 |
| Engineering Open House | April 25-26, 2008 | http://www.engr.washington.edu/openhouse/ |

*Career fairs and events open to all students

Get Started

Complete the on-line orientation at: http://www.engr.washington.edu/coop/getting_started.html

Within 48 hours we will issue you an account with the on-line eRecruiting system and e-mail you with your account information. Once your account is established, set up an appointment to meet with us to discuss job search tips!