The Co-op Program is the career development scholarship for high potential undergraduate students. It offers industry training, leadership and professional development, networking opportunities, mentoring and financial support of $19,600 p.a. tax free for four years.²

Apply now at coop.unsw.edu.au
WHAT IS THE UNSW CO-OP PROGRAM?

THE CO-OP SCHOLAR EXPERIENCE

Our Sponsor pool spans the best of both the Private and Public sector, connecting you with some of the world’s largest brands, technology giants, financial heavyweights, cutting edge start-ups, sustainability leaders, and key government agencies. Give yourself and your career the best start possible – apply today!

Up to 18 months of relevant industry experience with multiple companies during your degree not only provides invaluable insight into the real world of work in your chosen profession but also puts Co-op scholars ahead of the competition when it comes to graduate recruitment.

Leadership and professional development training through camps and interactive workshops, enhances your skills in leadership, teamwork, communication and develops your ability to transition and operate effectively in the workplace. These sessions are presented in a way that you will find challenging, practical, fun and social.

Mentoring and support is offered throughout the program. There is a large support network, assisting your transition to university and enhancing your academic and career pursuits. You will also be partnered with a Co-op alumnus prior to undertaking your first placement to help you make the most of the experience.

Career planning will help you identify your direction and the skills/attributes needed to reach your goals.

Stacks of Co-op events help you create professional and social networks. Networking is not only an important element in graduate recruitment and career development, but also in making the most of university life. Talk to a variety of employers through a range of events and build professional networks that can develop and last your entire career. Regular Co-op social gatherings encourage you to get to know peers from all disciplines and also keep in touch with the Co-op team.

The Co-op community of scholars is a close knit group and offers great peer support throughout the challenges of study, work placements and into graduate employment. You can also choose to build an international exchange into your degree and/or in your final year, apply for one of the coveted Co-op Global Policy scholarships, expanding your global network and perspective.

After gaining extensive work experience via the program, Co-op scholars are highly sought-after by our sponsors for graduate recruitment.

FIND OUT MORE

For detailed program information, study outlines and sponsor lists visit coop.unsw.edu.au.

N.B. Not all programs are offered every year, check the online application for availability.

INSIGHTS FROM A NEW CO-OP SCHOLAR

“I applied for Co-op because it encompassed so many things I wanted in my university experience: leadership development, networking and industry placement. For my application and interview I made sure I was authentic and real. This was important because now I can participate in the program knowing they chose me for who I really am and not who I pretended to be.”

Clare Freeman (Mechanical Engineering); Lalor Secondary College

For more on the Co-op scholar experience go to coop.unsw.edu.au/experience
THE CO-OP PROGRAM WANTS TO GET TO KNOW YOU:

For your Co-op application you can select up to three programs, but only select programs you have a serious interest in studying. Explain what it is that most attracts you to the UNSW Co-op Program and the academic field(s) that you have chosen.

PART 1 – ONLINE APPLICATION QUESTIONS

We want to hear about your co-curricular activities (1) and the most important things you gained or learned from these activities (2).

Tell us about your personal development (3) – What do you regard as your key strengths and real areas for improvement?

Use a situation that highlights your leadership and teamwork (4) then draw on your experiences and talk about your decision making or problem solving (5). Describe a significant achievement or project (6), that showcases your creativity/adaptability/originality. Tell us where you see yourself after graduation (7) and why you should be selected as a UNSW Co-op Program scholar (8).

NEW PART 2 – VIDEO SNAPSHOT

As required when applying for a professional role, this year you also need to submit a short video to introduce yourself and tell us something interesting, unusual, unique or different about you to expand on your written application. An invitation with your personal Vieple log in will be sent to all registered students at the end of August. If you register after August you will receive the invitation within a week of registration. You must complete your video to be considered for interview.

PART 3 – SCHOOLS ASSESSMENT PAGE

You will nominate your Careers Adviser or Year Level Coordinator to complete your Schools Assessment Page (SAP) within your online application. To give your teacher plenty of time, nominate as soon as you register!

For all questions you should note and observe the character limits indicated in the system. Responses that are longer than the stipulated limit will not be recorded.

Register now to access the online application and questions.

PROGRAMS

**BUSINESS**
- Accounting & Business Management
- Actuarial Studies
- Business Information Systems
- Commerce Information Systems
- Finance & Banking
- Marketing

**SCIENCE**
- Advanced Mathematics
- Data Science & Decisions
- Materials Science & Engineering

**ENGINEERING**
- Chemical Engineering
- Chemical Products Engineering
- Civil & Environmental Engineering
- Computer Science
- Electrical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Mining Engineering
- Petroleum Engineering
- Photovoltaics & Renewable Energy
- Software Engineering

1. Mining scholars should refer to the website for program specific information.
2. Scholars in 5 year programs can apply for a competitive Honours year scholarship.
3. Not all programs offered every year. Interviews will only be offered for a stream once sponsorship is confirmed.
DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A CO-OP SCHOLAR?

IT’S NOT JUST ABOUT THE MARKS!

CO-OP SCHOLARS:
• make a significant contribution to school or community
• show initiative and leadership
• communicate well
• enjoy working with other people
• want to be active within the university and Co-op community
• have a real and genuine interest in a career in industry or a government enterprise in their chosen program
• are ambitious and keen to contribute
• care about what is happening in the community, country and the world at large

The Co-op Program presents scholars with unique experiences to learn and grow. This program is for students who thrive on challenges, appreciate the opportunities presented to them, make the most of every situation and commit to seeing things through to the end.

ATAR REQUIREMENT
For a 2019 high school leaver entering the program the minimum academic requirement is an ATAR of 96 (or equivalent), OR entry into the chosen degree program at UNSW, whichever is the higher. No adjustment factors (except EAS) will be considered for this requirement. Anyone expecting an ATAR above 90 should consider applying because you could be pleasantly surprised by your results. If taking a gap year, students need to reapply in 2020 and meet 2021 entry requirements.

UAC CODES
To accept a Co-op Scholarship you will need to ensure that you gain entry into the corresponding single degree program (e.g. entry into the Bachelor of Actuarial Studies (Co-op) is required for an offer in the Co-op Actuarial Studies Program), check the website for UAC codes. You will not be able to accept your scholarship through the flexible first year engineering program or a combined degree program.

DOUBLE MAJORS AND DUAL DEGREES
Many double majors are possible under the Co-op Program, however, if during your studies you wish to explore undertaking a dual degree, you can discuss the possibility with the Co-op team. If you can demonstrate strong academic achievement, fulfil all Co-op Scholarship requirements and gain sponsors’ approval, it may be possible to undertake a dual degree whilst keeping a Co-op Scholarship. Please note that dual degrees with Law cannot be studied under the Co-op Program due to conflicts with the placement schedule.

ARE THERE OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED AT UNSW?
A range of UNSW scholarships are available to students from first year and right through their university career. To identify scholarships relevant to you, go to scholarships.unsw.edu.au and use the search function to find a scholarship in your area of interest or that matches your circumstances.

Applications for UNSW Co-op Program open online at coop.unsw.edu.au in May and close 30th September. Most other high school leaver scholarships open in June. Please note Rural Engineering scholarship applications are no longer via the Co-op application portal.

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