Co-op Program Scholarships

Create your career

- Industry training
- Leadership & professional development
- Networking opportunities
- Mentoring
- Financial support ($80,000 over for four years).
Co-op gives you the foundation to make a global impact, your way

Co-op connects you with Sponsors in the Private and Public sector, some of the world’s largest brands, technology giants, financial heavyweights, cutting edge start-ups, sustainability leaders, and key government agencies.

Up to 18 months of relevant industry experience with multiple companies during your degree provides invaluable insight into the real world of work in your chosen profession.

Leadership and professional development training through challenging, skills based, hands-on camps and interactive workshops. Enhance your skills in leadership, teamwork and communication, develop your ability to transition and operate effectively in the workplace.

Mentoring and support throughout the program. A large support network assists your transition to university and enhances your academic and career pursuits. Co-op Alumni partners help you make the most of your first industry placement.

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

Co-op events help you create professional and social networks, make the most of university life, and cultivate skills essential for graduate recruitment and career development. Build and develop professional networks that can last your entire career.

Your Co-op community supports you through the challenges of study, work placements and into graduate employment. 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 and hit the ground running in their career.

Give yourself and your career the best start possible – apply today!

Find out more: For detailed program information, availability, study outlines and sponsor lists visit coop.unsw.edu.au.

Insights from NEW Co-op scholars

“I believe that Co-op will truly transform my university experience and ensure that I make the most of my time at UNSW. It represents an opportunity for me to gain insight into the working world, get a head start on industry experience and join a community of like minded people.”

Jia Wen Wong (Actuarial Studies)
Brisbane State High School

“To me, joining Co-op means being able to form connections with diverse individuals who are equally passionate about their subject area, which I believe is key to personal development. It also means being able to work with industry-leading companies and learn the skills necessary to convert my passion into real-world success.”

Stephen Lincon (Software Engineering)
Cranbrook School
The Co-op Program wants to get to know you:

You can select up to three program streams that you have a serious interest in studying to apply for, and could interview for multiple streams, but can only accept the offer of a Co-op scholarship in one program.

Part 1 – Online Application

Explain what it is that most attracts you to the UNSW Co-op Program and the academic field(s) that you have chosen.

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, what do you regard as your key strengths and real areas for improvement (3)?

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, that showcases your creativity/agility/originality (6).

Tell us where you see yourself after graduation (7) and why you should be selected as a UNSW Co-op Program scholar (8).

NB: Observe the character limits indicated in the system.

Part 2 – Schools Assessment Page

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!

Register now to access the online application and questions.

Video snapshot

If you secure an interview for the Co-op Program you will be sent a link to complete a short video to introduce yourself and tell us something interesting, unusual, unique or different about you to expand on your written application.

The invitation with your personal Vieple login will be sent on 10th November, and must be submitted by 17th November. You must complete your video to be interviewed.

Find out more about the Co-op experience and the opportunities the Program presents:

Are you a 2023 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.

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.

If this sounds like you, and you are an Australian citizen, permanent resident or humanitarian visa holder, or a New Zealand citizen, we strongly encourage you to apply.
Key dates for 2022

1 May
Applications open

3 September
UNSW Open Day

30 September
Applications close

10 November
Interview offer notification & video snapshot invitation

17 November
Video snapshot submission due

22 November
Interview Briefing Day

23 November
Interviews

8 December
Conditional offers

11 November
Video snapshot submission due

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Interview Briefing Day

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Academic requirements
To accept a Co-op scholarship in 2023 you must gain entry into the chosen degree program at UNSW, achieve a minimum of 96 ATAR or equivalent, and no adjustment factors (except EAS) will be considered for this requirement. Students from Gateway schools should refer to the Gateway website for further information. Gap year students need to reapply in 2023 and meet 2024 entry requirements. Please check the Co-op website for updates.

UAC codes
You will need to gain entry into the corresponding single degree program to accept a Co-op scholarship. Eg. 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 double degrees
Co-op scholars must commence in a single degree, however many degrees can accommodate 2 areas of study (eg. Accounting & Information Systems) as a double major under the Co-op Program. Once in the Program, should you wish to explore undertaking a double degree you can discuss the process with the Co-op team. If you can demonstrate strong academic achievement, fulfill all Co-op requirements and gain sponsors’ approval, it could be possible to undertake a double degree and continue in the Co-op Scholarship.

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.

The career development scholarship for high potential undergraduate students.

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