Co-op Program Scholarships

Create your career
Learn & grow through unique experiences with Co-op

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.

- Industry training
- Leadership and professional development
- Networking opportunities
- Mentoring
- Financial support ($19,600 p.a. tax free for four years).

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, practical and social 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.

Stacks of 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 scholar community peers support 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.

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 a NEW Co-op scholar

“It feels a bit surreal! I wasn’t expecting an offer because I knew there were probably so many applicants that would’ve done some incredible things. I’m very honoured and humbled to be offered the scholarship, and be a part of a community of like-minded, hard working individuals that I can learn a lot from.”

Femke Keywood (Data Science & Decisions)
Holy Spirit 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:

You can select up to three programs that you have a serious interest in studying.

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: For all questions you should note and observe the character limits indicated in the system. Responses that are longer than the stipulated limit will be cut off.

Part 2 – 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!

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 9th November, and must be submitted by 16th November. You must complete your video to be interviewed.

Detailed program information, study schedules, sponsor lists and FAQs at coop.unsw.edu.au

Key dates for 2021

1 May
Applications open

4 September
UNSW Open Day

30 September
Applications close

9 November
Interview offer notification & video snapshot invitation

16 November
Video snapshot submission due

23 November
Interview Briefing Day

24 November
Interviews

9 December
Conditional offers

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 applicants 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.
Are you a 2022 Co-op scholar?

Academic requirements
To accept a Co-op scholarship in 2022, as a minimum, students will need to 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. If taking a gap year, students need to reapply in 2022 and meet 2023 entry requirements. Please check the Co-op website for updates coop.unsw.edu.au/apply

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 double degree, you can discuss the possibility with the Co-op team. If you can demonstrate strong academic achievement, fulfil all Co-op requirements and gain sponsors’ approval, it may be possible to undertake a double degree whilst keeping a Co-op Scholarship. Please note that double 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.

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.

The career development scholarship for high potential undergraduate students.

Apply now at coop.unsw.edu.au