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 2017 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 bonus points (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 2018 and meet 2019 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, fulfill 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 you from a RURAL area of Australia?

Rural students frequently have a strong interest in engineering but are not able to study in a region close to their home. Each year the Faculty of Engineering Rural Scholarship Program has approximately 20 scholarships, valued at $12,000 p.a (tax free) for four years, available for rural students who can undertake one of more than 20 full-time engineering programs.

Find out more online at unswo/ruralengscholarships and apply using the same online application system as the Co-op Program at coop.unsw.edu.au

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Application Questions

Program preferences:
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?
750 character word limit

1. Co-curricular activities:
You will be asked to select from a drop down list of activities. Activities not listed may be added.
1000 character word limit

2. Learnings:
Select one or two activities from either list in Question 1 and tell us the most important things you gained or learned from these activities. Do not just provide a list of dot points.
1000 character word limit

3. Personal development:
What do you regard as your key strengths and areas for improvement?
1000 character word limit

4. Leadership and team work:
Tell us about a situation where you were effective as a leader and/or as a team player. e.g. Describe how you significantly influenced others, or contributed to the effective operation/successful outcome of a situation or team.
1000 character word limit

5. Decision making or problem solving:
Drawing on your experience or involvement in a part-time job, community or school activity, describe how you overcame a challenging situation and what you learnt from the experience.
1000 character word limit

6. Significant achievement or project:
Describe an achievement in the workplace and/or designing, building, programming or creating something. Your example might relate to recent work experience, a part time job or a major non-school based project you have undertaken. You might choose to highlight your creativity; the ability to see alternatives; come up with many varied or original ideas; or willingness to try/learn new things.
1250 character word limit

7. After graduation:
What sort of graduate position do you imagine yourself in after university?
750 character word limit

8. Personal qualities:
Why should you be selected as a UNSW Co-op Program scholar? Describe the personal qualities and values that differentiate you and that you would bring to the UNSW Co-op Program.
1000 character word limit

Programs*

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

Engineering
Chemical Engineering
Civil & Environmental Engineering
Computer Science
Electrical Engineering & Telecommunications
Industrial Chemistry
Mechanical Engineering
Mining Engineering
Petroleum Engineering
Photovoltaics & Renewable Energy
Software Engineering

Science
Advanced Mathematics
Data Science & Decisions
Materials Science & Engineering

Built Environment
Construction Management & Property

*Not all programs offered every year. Please refer to the website for a list of programs on offer.