

Co-operative Education **CO-OP** AT ACADIA

Co-operative Education is offered with the following degrees at Acadia University:

Bachelor of Science with majors in: Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Environmental Geoscience, Geology, Mathematics & Statistics, Nutrition, Physics, and Psychology

Bachelor of Community Development: Environment and Sustainability Studies

Bachelor of Computer Science, including specializations in: Software Development, Game Development, and Mobile and Ubiquitous Computing

Bachelor of Business Administration with majors in: Accounting, Finance, Marketing, Business Technology Management, Entrepreneurship & Innovation, and Employment Relations

Bachelor of Arts with majors in: Economics, English, Environment and Sustainability Studies, French, German, Spanish, History, Politics, Psychology, and Sociology, Women and Gender Studies

Master of Science in Computer Science and Mathematics & Statistics

Acadia's Co-op Program

- Work terms begin in January, May, and September of each year
- Students are available for 4, 8, 12, and 16-month durations
- Positions must be paid, discipline-related, and provide full-time employment for at least 12 weeks
- Acadia students are free to accept positions as they are offered on a first-come, first-served basis (no rounds/ranking)

Co-op Posting Process

Co-op is a competitive process similar to hiring for a regular position. There is no obligation to hire should the candidate you are looking for not be found. We begin advertising opportunities to students 4 months in advance of the start date, i.e., January through April for a May start. Employers provide us with a job description, application instructions, and the application deadline via email. We advertise job opportunities to students within 24 hours of receipt.

Students access job postings through a secure co-op student portal and apply to positions of interest. The day after the deadline date, we send you all applications via email. If you choose to proceed with interviews, these are easily coordinated through our office on your behalf.

Interviews can be done on campus (free of charge), at your workplace, by telephone, or via Skype. Job offers are also made to students by our office as per your instructions. We are a small, coordinated office which allows us to provide personal and efficient service.

Why Hire an Acadia Co-op Student?

Value

- Co-op provides employers with direct access to a pool of skilled, bright, and career-focussed students that are available for hire year-round
- Employers often use co-op students to complete special projects or to cover seasonal demands and peak periods
- Funding programs are available to offset the cost of hiring a co-op student

Access to Top Students

- As the co-op program is optional at Acadia, students in this stream tend to be highly-motivated and keen to make the most of every learning opportunity
- All co-op students have completed at least two years of their degree, must maintain a minimum grade-point average, and many have relevant work and volunteer experience. In addition, they have completed a series of professional development workshops to ensure they are ready for the workplace

Attract the Leaders of Tomorrow

- Co-op gives employers a chance to attract students to their organization early on and to shape their personal and professional development. Many companies use co-op as their main recruiting strategy for potential full-time hire

Reputation

- In the 2013 Globe & Mail Canadian University Report, Acadia's Co-op program was ranked by students #1 in Atlantic Canada overall and #1 in the country for our size
- Acadia University consistently ranks in the top 3 in McLean's annual Primarily Undergraduate University Rankings

Experience

- Co-operative Education has been offered at Acadia since 1982

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