YOU DREAM OF A BETTER WORLD.

SHE DOES TOO.

“My time at The Food Bank has truly been nothing short of amazing. Every project I have completed or assisted with, no matter the size, has always been followed with the feeling that in some way I have helped make a difference. This position has changed me and forced me to grow in many ways not only professional but personally.”

Vanessa
BA, Legal Studies 2023
Co-op for Social Good participant
The Food Bank of Waterloo Region
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CO-OP FOR SOCIAL GOOD

Empowering Arts students to create a better future

IMPACT

› Resilient communities built by advancing nonprofits’ missions
› Strong and empathetic leaders poised to tackle pressing issues
› Invigorated academics grounded in real-world challenges
Many Arts students are committed to community building... and improving the quality of life for all Canadians. The nonprofit sector is the natural place for these students to work, but few nonprofits can offer paid co-op placements. Students need relevant experiences in these sectors to launch flourishing careers and make a positive difference in society.

The Co-op for Social Good program will fund co-op positions at nonprofits.

By doing so, the program will enable Arts students to advance important social and cultural causes, develop future-ready skillsets and enrich their understanding of the nonprofit sector. Meanwhile, nonprofit organizations will benefit from the entrepreneurial mindsets and the passion for humanity that Waterloo Arts students bring to their workplaces.

Arts co-op students are engaged citizens, agile thinkers and enterprising workers.

By combining knowledge in the humanities, social sciences and creative arts with practical skills, our students enter the workforce prepared to make an impact on the world. As interdisciplinary learners and critical thinkers who also have empathy and imagination, our students are equipped to tackle challenges and effectively communicate their ideas from day one.

Nonprofit organizations need their talent more than ever.

In the face of unprecedented challenges arising from COVID-19, nonprofit organizations need skilled workers who can help them develop creative, effective and efficient ways to deliver their programs and services. At the same time, our co-op students need support to ensure they can establish themselves in the workforce and build meaningful careers.