

2017 CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION ANNUAL REPORT

Co-operative education is a hallmark of excellence at the University of Waterloo. What began as an upstart in higher education 60 years ago has become the standard in work-integrated learning. More than 7 of 10 incoming students in fall 2016 (72.4%) are registered in a co-op program.

A driver of enrolment growth

According to the 2017 Incoming Student Survey, 71% of incoming undergraduate students would not have accepted their offer without co-op. The University has more co-op students than Canada's next two largest post-secondary co-op institutions - combined.



20,792
undergraduate
co-op students
enrolled as of fall 2016



18%
co-op enrolment increase
in the last 5 years
(fall 2012-fall 2016)

Highlights from the 2016/17 fiscal year

Source: IAP/WaterlooWorks



\$240+ Million
in student earnings with
average co-op earnings of
\$13,800 per work term

Full-time paid work terms, alternating with study terms, enable students to deepen their learning in their fields of study, develop transferable skills that will help them in careers and throughout their lives, and enhance their ability to learn quickly and comprehensively.



19,100+
work terms



97.7%
co-op
employment rate

3,900+
first work terms

2,600+
international work terms in
60+ countries

Employers travel from all over the world to recruit Waterloo students. The size and scale of Waterloo's co-op program requires an unparalleled level of support from staff and faculty partners.



21,800+
jobs posted



1,000,000+
co-op job applications



67,500+
interviews
**1,700+ in a
single day**



37,000+
interactions with
students, employers
and staff by our
Information Centre staff



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University graduate survey data shows that Waterloo co-op grads enjoy better career success than graduates from other Ontario universities.

89%

of Waterloo co-op grads are employed 6 months after graduation **compared to 88% of Ontario graduates**
Ontario University Graduate Survey of 2014 graduates

96%

of co-op grads employed 6 months after graduation worked in positions related to skills they acquired at Waterloo **compared to 74% of Ontario graduates**
Ontario University Graduate Survey of 2014 graduates

79%

were earning **\$50,000+** 2 years after graduation **compared to 39% of Ontario graduates**
Ontario University Graduate Survey of 2014 graduates

The University's employer network stretches around the world. Co-op support staff are strategically located across Canada to offer support to employers and students no matter where they are.

The Centre for Career Action (CCA) provides employment, career development and further education preparation for all Waterloo students, alumni and employees.



1,400+
new employers

6,900+

active employers

93.5%

co-op students receive ratings of very good to outstanding from employers



5,400+

participants across

348

workshops and events



2,500+

students attended individual career advising sessions



18,900+

online workshops completed using CareerHub



2,200+

people engaged by WatCACE in research related to co-op



5,400+

students accessed drop-in career or co-op consultation services



18,900+

enrolments in **14 WatPD courses**

Canada's most innovative university for



26 YEARS

in a row
Maclean's Magazine



Ranked #1

in Canada for employer partnerships
QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2018

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