HELP! HOW DO I CO-OP?

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WHOSE LAND ARE WE ON?

I acknowledge that I live, work, and play on the traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishinaabeg and Haudenosaunee peoples. Our main campus is situated on Block 2 of the Haldimand Tract, the land granted to the Six Nations that includes six miles on each side of the Grand River. The Six Nations Reserve occupies less than 5% of the land that was granted by the Haldimand Treaty of 1784.

Great learning opportunities:

Métis 101 | Jan 18 | 1:30pm-3:30pm You Don't Know What You Don't Know Part 1 | Jan 22 | 1:00pm-4:00pm You Don't Know What You Don't Know Part 2 | Feb 6 | 1:00pm-4:00pm

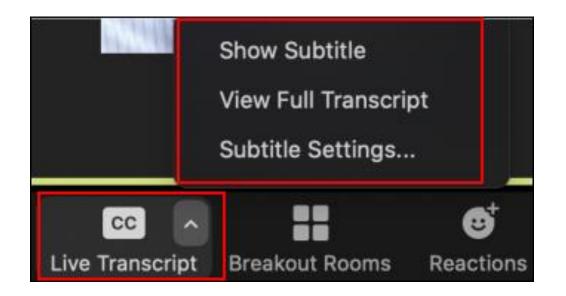
Office of Indigenous Relations website

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

- This workshop is being recorded. The recording and PDF of the slides will be sent to you by the end of the week
- The Q&A period will not be recorded for confidentiality
- There will be a Q&A session at the end, which will not be recorded. Please keep your questions until then.
- If you would like to ask a question anonymously, feel free to send a message to Tiffany or Paulina

MANAGING LIVE TRANSCRIPTIONS

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WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT TODAY?

- What to expect in the co-op process
 - Options for finding a job
 - Where to get support

Q&A (AT THE END)

IMPORTANT DATES

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Cycle #1

- ✓ Job Posting #1 (Week 2-3)
- ✓ Job Posting #2 (Week 3-4)
- Match Results
 Available
 (Week 5)
 Match results are released.
 Unmatched students will
 continue to next cycle

Cycle #2

- ✓ Job Posting #1 (Week 6-9)
- Match Results
 Available
 (Week 9)
 Match results are released.
 Unmatched students will
 continue to next cycle

Cycle #3-6

- Job Postings
 (Week 10-14)
 New jobs posted daily
- Match Results (Every Friday)

Match results are released. Unmatched students will continue to Direct Offers

Direct Offer

○ Continue Applying

Continue searching for jobs after the final match to achieve minimum number of weeks for co-op credit

Employers
Contact You

After applying, employers will contact directly about interviews and offers

Find important dates here: Important dates | Co-operative Education | University of Waterloo (uwaterloo.ca)

CYCLE #1 - BREAK DOWN

	Number of apps you can submit	Job postings open	Job postings close (ET)	Interview period	Employer rankings available (ET)	Student rankings due (ET)	Match results available (ET)
Cycle 1 Posting 1	Submit up to 50 apps	Jan. 6 - 16	Jan. 16 at 9 a.m.	Jan. 22 - Feb. 7	Feb. 8 at 2 p.m.	Feb. 9 at 2 p.m.	Feb. 9 by end of day
Cycle 1 Posting 2	Submit up to 100 apps total (includes apps from previous cycle)	Jan. 17 - 23	Jan. 23 at 9 a.m.	Jan. 22 - Feb. 7	Feb. 8 at 2 p.m.	Feb. 9 at 2 p.m.	Feb. 9 by end of day

STANDARD VS FLEXIBLE TERMS

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Standard work term

- 12-16 weeks
- 35-40 hours/week
- Single employer
- Can be found on the co-op job board on WaterlooWorks or as an Arranged Own Job (AOJ)

Note: you must complete 3 of your work terms as standard work terms

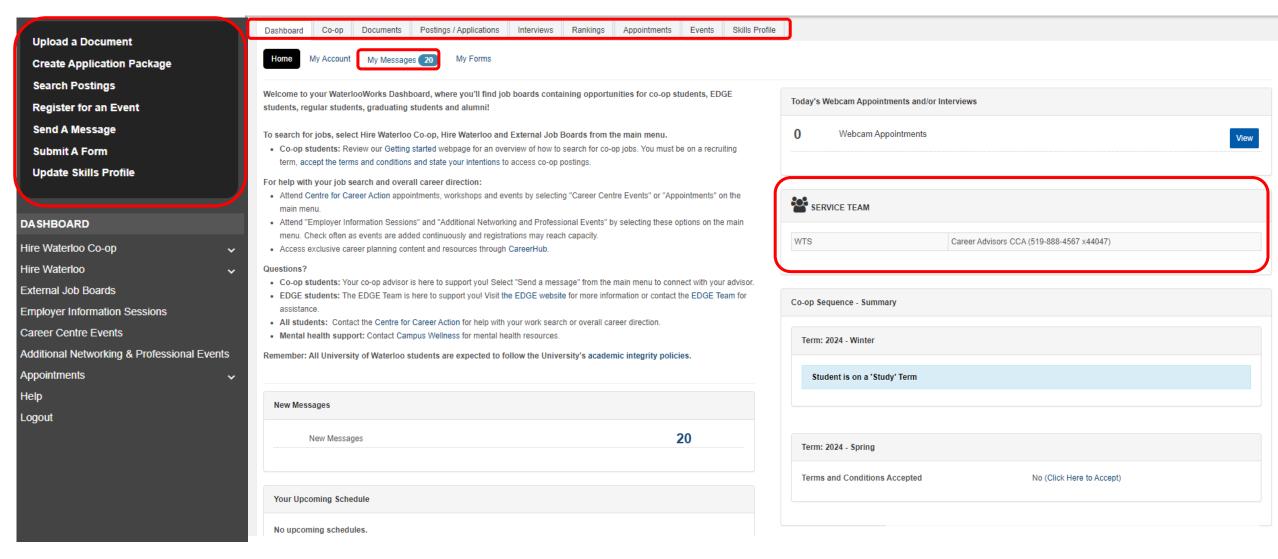
Flexible work term

- Allows you to receive credit for wider range of work experiences that don't fit standard requirements individually
- Single employer: 8-16 weeks (must work a minimum of 280 hours)
- Multiple employers: 12-16 weeks (must work a minimum of 420 hours)
- Usually an AOJ
- WeAccelerate counts as a Flexible Work Term

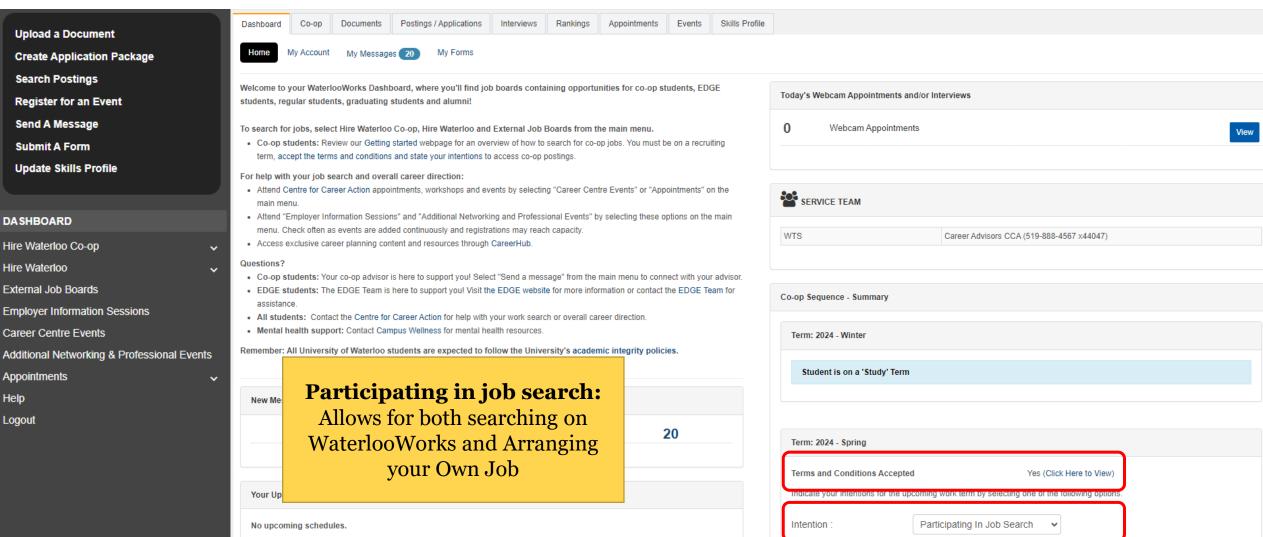


FIRST STEPS

WATERLOOWORKS DASHBOARD

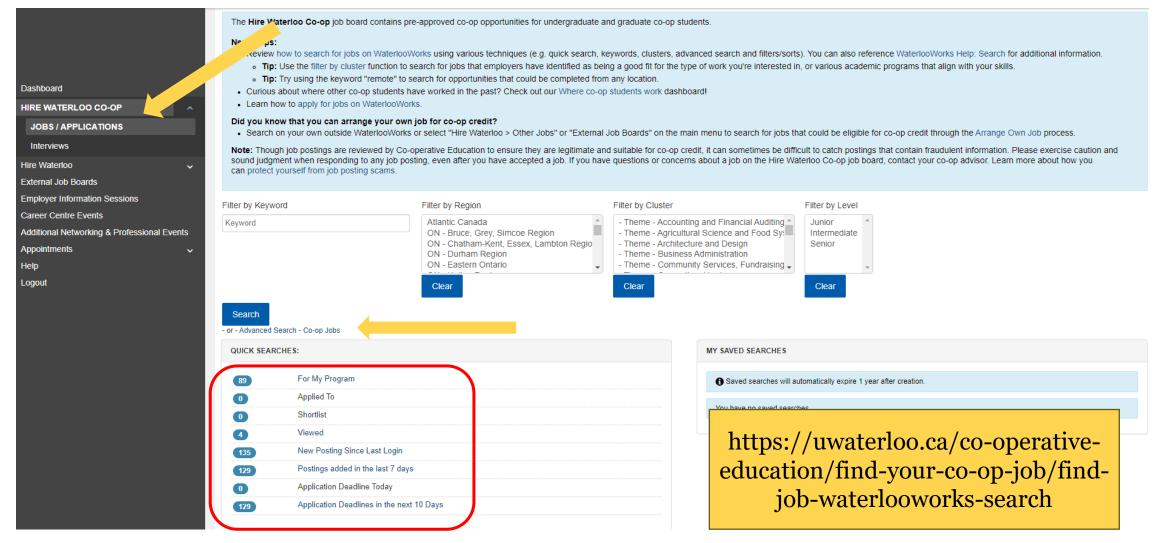


ACCEPTING TERMS AND CONDITIONS & SUBMITTING JOB SEARCH INTENTIONS

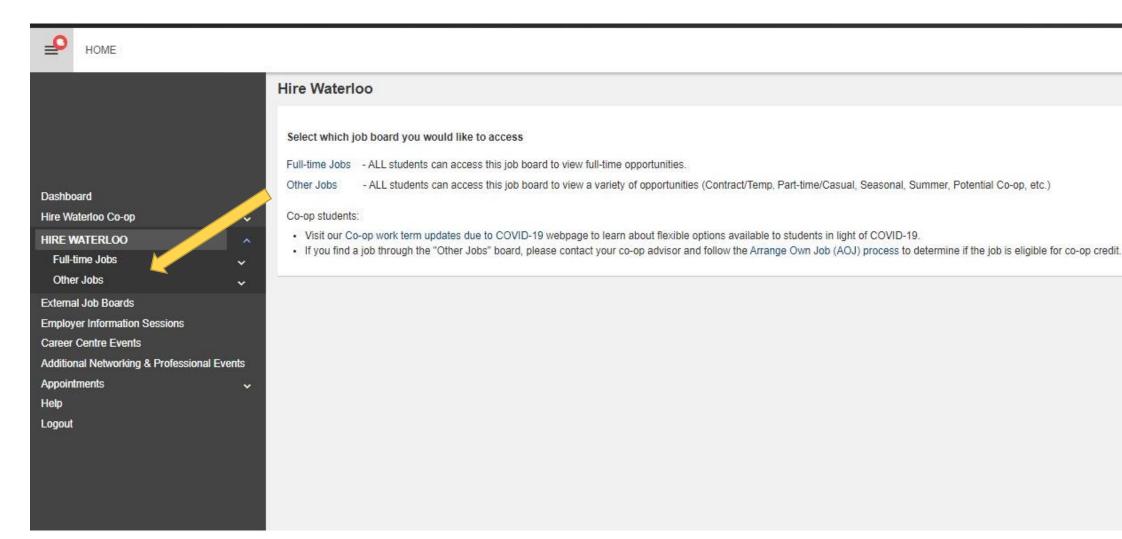


WHERE TO LOOK

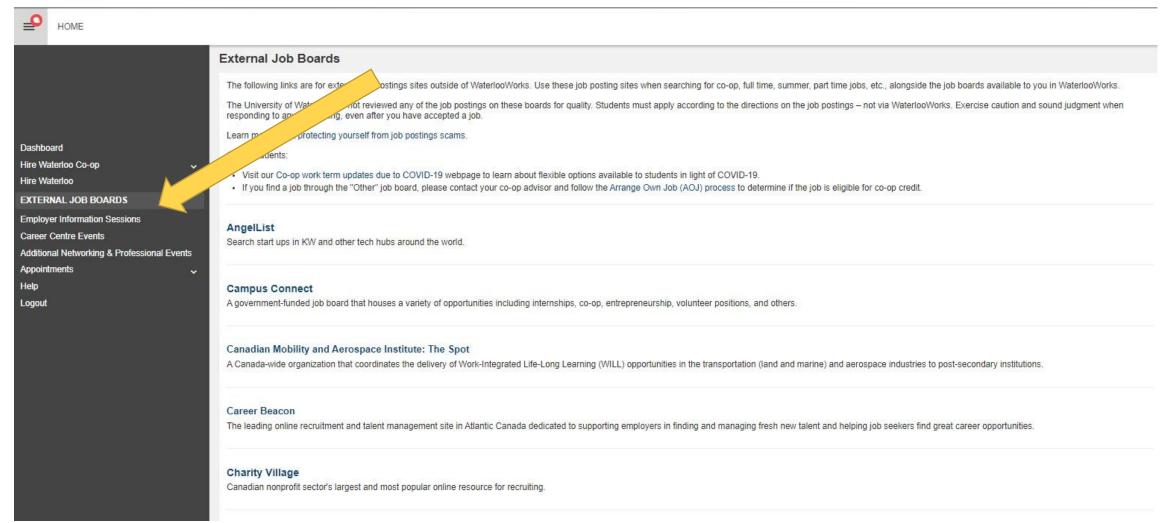
HIREWATERLOO CO-OP JOB BOARD



HIRE WATERLOO "OTHER JOBS"

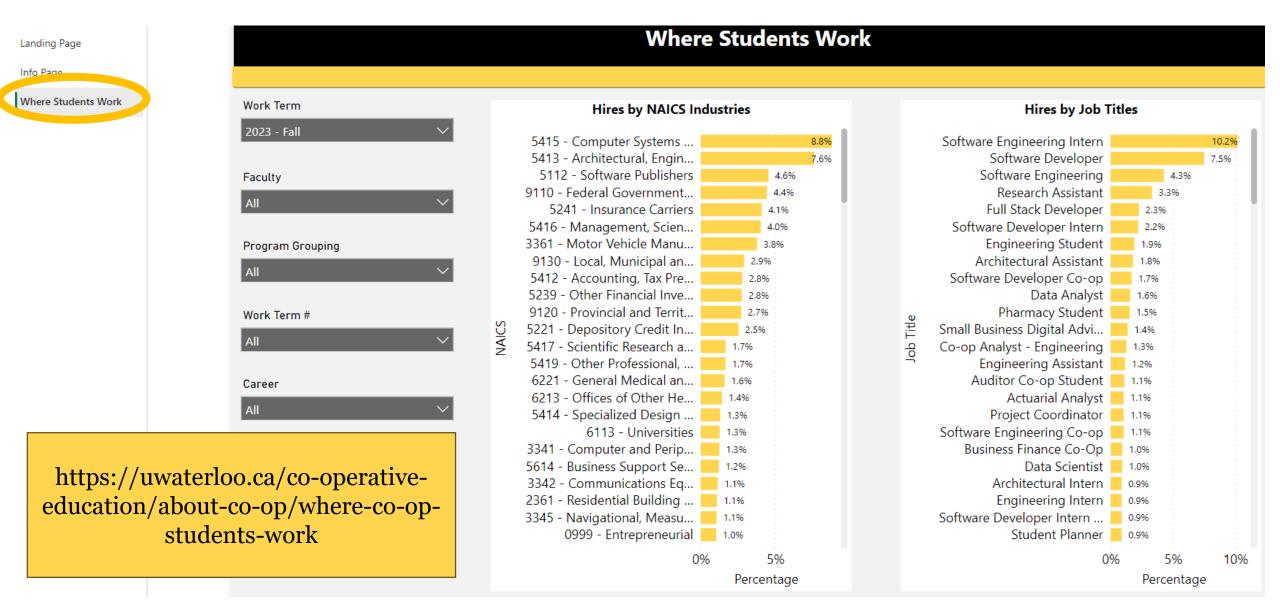


EXTERNAL JOB BOARDS ON WATERLOOWORKS



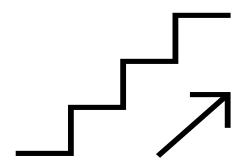
WHICH JOBS TO APPLY TO

WHERE CO-OP STUDENTS WORK



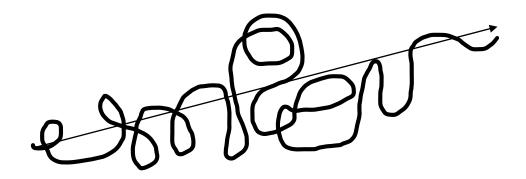
THE OLD WORLD OF WORK

Education \rightarrow Job \rightarrow Promotion \rightarrow Retire



THE NEW WORLD OF WORK

Education → Learn/Purpose/Identity



- ☐ At least 50% of jobs will change
- □ 85 million jobs will disappear...but 97 million new roles created (globally)
- 27% of graduates work in a field related to their major
- ☐ 17 jobs across 5 industries



WHAT DO THESE CHANGES MEAN FOR ME?

- Lifelong learning and importance of adaptability and flexibility
 - "Hire for the propensity to learn" IBM CEO, Ginni Rometty
 - Recent Waterloo study shows that those who adopt a lifelong learning mindset see greater performance, more promotions, and higher job satisfaction
- Degree career path
- View career as a web not a ladder
- There is no "right" choice, career, pathway
- Shift focus away from job/role and toward skills you want to use/learn and what kind of work and environments motivate you

HOW DO I APPLY TO JOBS ON WATERLOOWORKS?

APPLICATION PACKAGE FOR WATERLOOWORKS

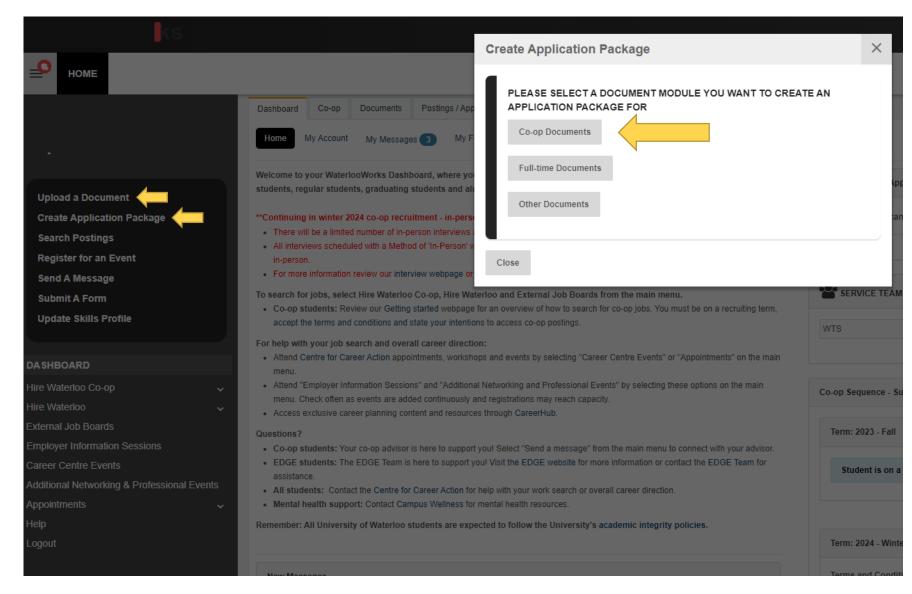
- □ Résumé
- ☐ Work Term History (automatically included for you)
- ☐ Grade Report (automatically included for you)
- **□** Cover Letter
- □ Other Per Job Posting

(i.e. writing sample, portfolio, references, etc.)





UPLOAD DOCUMENTS / CREATE APPLICATION PACKAGE

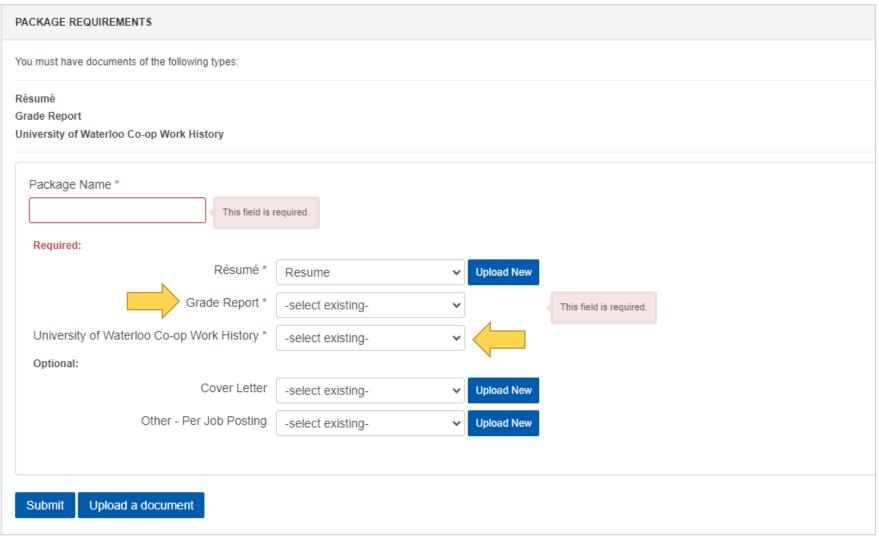




If you're using different resumes and cover letters for different jobs, **name the documents** as the job ID/job title/employer to stay organized!



CREATE APPLICATION PACKAGE



- Co-op Work History:
 automatically generated
 (simply select them from the
 drop-down menu)!
- Follow these step-by step guides:
 - Five steps for applying to jobs in WaterlooWorks
 - How to: upload application documents

WATERLOOWORKS SUPPORT



For WaterlooWorks help and frequently asked questions:

Visit Co-operative Education – WaterlooWorks help webpage: <u>uwaterloo.ca/co-operative-education/waterlooworks-student-help</u>



In the event of a technical issue with WaterlooWorks:

Contact CEE Hub

- Email: (ceehub@uwaterloo.ca)
- Phone: (519-888-4026) from Monday-Friday, 8:30-4:30 p.m. (EST)



Reach out to your co-op advisor!

Connect with your co-op advisor via WaterlooWorks.



ARRANGING YOUR OWN JOB (AOJ)

Steps to arrange your own job for co-op credit

Look for a position on external job sites, through your personal connections, and at job fairs



Once you receive a **firm** job offer, submit an AOJ form on WaterlooWorks



A Co-op Advisor will be in touch if we require more info to approve your job for co-op credit

Chat with your co-op advisor to learn more about:

- If a job that you are interested in is likely to receive a co-op credit (i.e. <u>Standard/Flexible Work Term</u>)
- How to provide an employer more information about co-op (i.e. <u>fundings/tax credits available</u>)
- What options are available for you at a particular time (i.e. add AOJ to your rankings or be removed from the interview process)



RANK & MATCH

= Algorithm selects lowest sum to result in a match

How does the ranking process work?

- After interviews are over for each cycle, employers rank students from 1-10 and *then* the students rank the jobs/employer from 1-10 in return; employers cannot see your rankings.
- After the employers submit their rankings, you can view and submit/save your own rankings on the dates and times specified on the <u>important dates calendar</u>.
- The system adds together scores and picks lowest sum for each job to make matches

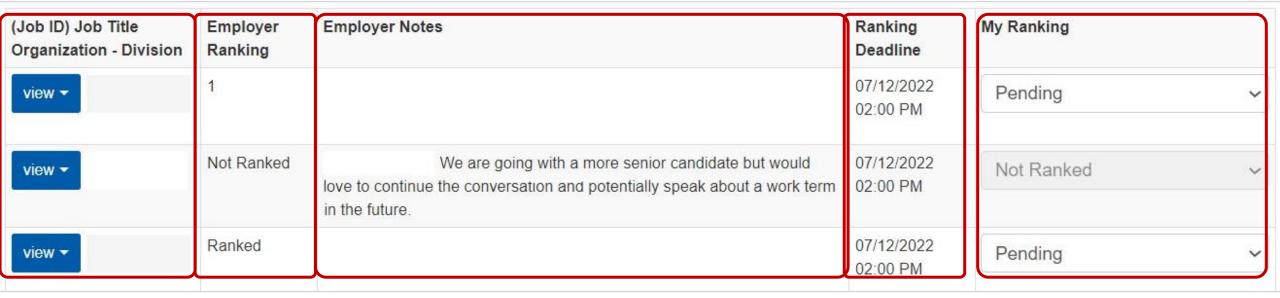
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RANKING: WHAT YOU'LL SEE

List of possible rankings		
Job	Employer ranking	
Job 1	1	
Job 2	Ranked	
Job 3	Not Ranked	
Job 4	Ranked	
Job 5	(Blank)	

Rankings Explained:

- 1 = Offer | Congratulations! Rank back a 1 and the job is yours!
- Ranked = 2-10 | They're interested in working with you!
- Not ranked = Not being considered for the role | Nothing to rank
- Blank = No action from the employer | Nothing to rank



RANKING: REMINDERS

- You must submit rankings for every job on your ranking form before the deadline closes. If you do not submit your rankings on time, the system will automatically rank every job a "10".
- If you rank the job **a 10**, it's still **possible that you'll be matched**. Think about this possibility when you are applying!
- You can submit up to 5"Not Interested" rankings per term to guarantee that you will not be matched with a job and/or prioritize other jobs of interest!
- Concerns about the job submit a <u>Request to Withdraw Application (RWA)</u> form immediately following an interview don't wait until the day of the ranking.
- Rank carefully! If you are matched with a job, it means you have accepted the position. Failing to proceed with this commitment as per the coop terms and conditions will result in renege consequences.



COMMON QUESTIONS:

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- I have more than 1 job offer! How should I rank them back?
- Some employers has ranked me (2-10) could I be matched with the job?
- I ranked the job a 10, is it still possible that I'll be matched?

- How come I don't see a ranking listed?
- I have no rankings showing. What can I do?
- My friend and I both have a sum of 3 for this position, who will get the job?
- Hypothetically, if, what will happen in this scenario?

FIND YOUR ANSWERS HERE:

Co-operative Education: Rank/Match page

Review the rank/match process, important tips and next steps

Rank/Match: Choose Your Own Adventure

Play out possible rank/match scenarios and review suggestions)!

Co-op Advisor:

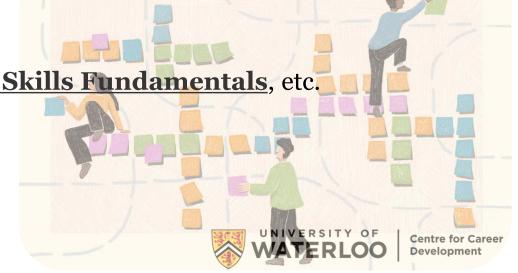
Available to help you with your ranking strategy. Reach out for a ranking consultation!

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- Stay active in the job search until the last possible date for co-op credit! Many students find employment after work term has begun.
 - o Last day to start work for a **Standard** co-op credit: <u>June 10, 2024</u>
 - o Last day to start work for a **Flexible** co-op credit: <u>July 8, 2024</u> (Note: UG students only.)
- Explore WEAccelerate (co-op credit program; Flex WT) gain industry experience.
- Minimum co-op degree requirement = you can miss 1 work term
- How can you enhance your transferable skills?
 - o Part-time job, volunteer, take a course, enroll in **Digital Skills Fundamentals**, etc.
- Work with us before you panic!



SUPPORTS & RESOURCES

WE GOT YOU COVERED!

AKA Work Term Support (WTS) & Student Advisor

CAREER ADVISORS



For some of you: we are your support for 1st WT

Résumé, Cover Letter, Interview Prep

Career Planning Advice

Further Education Planning

Meet with a Career Advisor

ACADEMIC ADVISORS



Questions about co-op degree requirements

Sequence changes

Academic Program/ Course Selection

Work Term Report

Find my Academic Advisor

CO-OP ADVISORS



Questions about your coop job, **once matched**

Questions or concerns during your work term

Arrange your own job

Finding your next co-op

<u>Connect on</u> <u>WaterlooWorks</u>

OTHER SUPPORTS

Co-op embedded Counsellors



 Confidential mental health support during your recruitment terms and work terms

Find a Co-op Counsellor

Immigration Consultants



- Co-op Work/Study Permits
- Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)
- Social Insurance #
- Bank Accounts

Find a Consultant

Int'l Employment Specialists



Int'l visas/ permits: ceeinties@uwaterloo.ca

USA J-1 visa info: ceeusaies@uwaterloo.ca

Find a Specialist

AccessAbility Services



- Co-op support if you have any permanent, temporary or suspected disabilities
- Accommodations, support plans, etc.

Book an appointment



NEXT STEPS





Accept Terms and Conditions in WW



<u>Develop Cover</u> <u>Letter & Resume</u>



Resume critiques, mock interviews



Identify any support you need for <u>navigating</u> WaterlooWorks

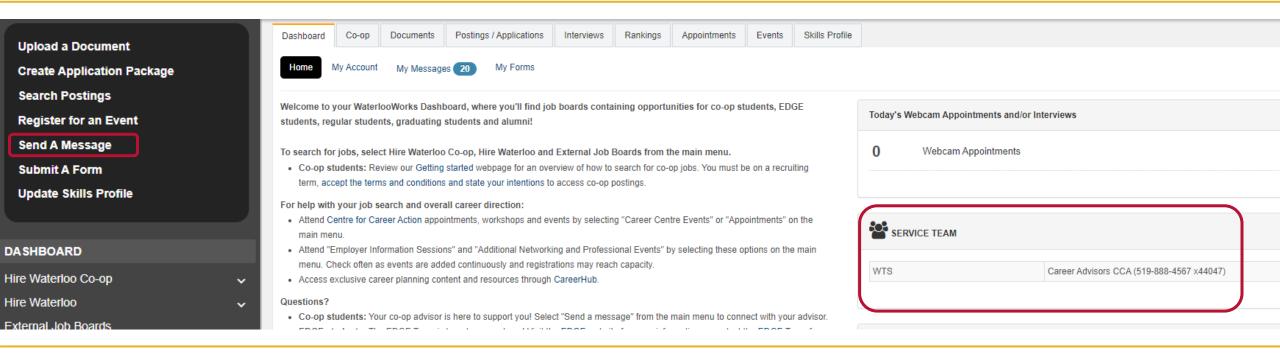


<u>Create Application</u> <u>Packages</u>



Bookmark <u>Important Dates</u>

If you still have questions after the workshop, please send your WTS a WaterlooWorks message!



No WTS assigned under the Service Team? Contact the Centre for Career Development!



Q&A

We will stop the recording now! Feel free to come off camera or send us a message.



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