

Navigating Co-op Job Search Challenges

There's still plenty of time for you to find your first co-op job! In fact, for the Spring 2026 work term, the last day to start work to earn a [standard co-op credit](#) is June 15 and the last day to start work to earn a [flexible co-op credit](#) is July 13.

We know this stage of the job search process can feel challenging, and we're here to help! As a math co-op student, you have [lots of advisors](#) ready to support you. If you haven't found a job yet, it doesn't mean you're doing anything wrong, but everyone can benefit from a little extra guidance.

Here are some job search scenarios to help you navigate common challenges:

If you...

➤ Don't know what kind of co-op jobs to apply to:

- Check out the [six tips for finding great jobs in WaterlooWorks](#)
- Explore the [co-op employment statistics](#) to see where students in your program worked

➤ Can't find jobs you're interested in on WaterlooWorks:

- Look at the [additional job boards on WW](#) and use [JADA](#) to find jobs that match your skills
- Meet with a [co-op or career advisor](#) to discuss a personalized job search strategy

➤ Have applied to many jobs and haven't received an interview:

- Learn to [tailor résumés](#) to job ads and consider adding a [summary of qualifications](#)
- [Meet with a Career Advisor](#) to review your résumé and cover letters

➤ Have had some interviews and haven't received an offer or ranking:

- Practice responses to [typical interview questions](#), using the [STAR approach](#)
- [Book a mock interview](#) with a Career Advisor to practice your responses and gain feedback

➤ Have questions about the co-op process and options available to you

- Look into [alternate co-op opportunities](#) and familiarize yourself with the [important dates](#)
- Contact [your co-op advisor](#) for any questions related to the co-op process