

2018 CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION ANNUAL REPORT

Co-operative education is a hallmark of excellence at the University of Waterloo. What started with a cohort of 74 students in 1957 has grown to more than 21,000 today. Not only have we grown in numbers during this time, we've evolved to bring work-integrated learning to all students in any plan. With co-op as a foundational value in the University's history and development, it's no wonder nearly seven out of ten Waterloo students were registered in a co-op program in fall 2017.

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 nearly three times as many co-op students as the next two largest post-secondary co-op institutions - combined.



21,606
undergraduate
co-op students
enrolled as of fall 2017



17%
co-op enrolment increase
in the last 5 years
(fall 2013-fall 2017)

Highlights from the 2017/18 fiscal year

Source: IAP/WaterlooWorks



\$260+ Million
in student earnings with
average co-op earnings of
\$12,100 per work term
in Canada

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.



20,700+
work terms



98.5%
co-op
employment rate

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.



25,000+
jobs posted



1,100,000+
co-op job applications



87,000+
interviews
(**1,700+ in a
single day**)



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

4,400+
first work terms

2,900+
international work terms in
60+ countries



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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 79% 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.

7,000+

active employers



1,400+

new employers



8.4/10

average rating students gave their work term experience

95.0%

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

950+

people engaged by WatCACE in research related to co-op



19,700+

enrolments in **14 WatPD courses**



2,400+

students attended individual career advising sessions



11,500+

participants in workshops and events



7,800+

students engaged in career-specific content



6,700+

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

Canada's most innovative university for



27 YEARS

in a row
Maclean's Magazine



Ranked #1

in Canada for employer-student connections
QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2019

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