

JOIN THE UWaterloo COMMUNITY

Get Waterloo Ready!

- Attend faculty 101 days
- Have fun at orientation
- Make friends
- Learn more about your degree at Waterloo

Get to know your campus community, either in-person or online!

Take classes

Skill up before your first work term

Learn about co-op and career resources available to you:

- > Co-op Advisors to support you through your co-op journey
- > Career Advisors to help with your work search through appointments and workshops
- > An international team to support students working abroad
- > Career fairs, Employer Information Sessions and other events to help you network with employers
- > Online WatPD courses to help you prepare
- for your first work term and develop professional skills
- > Co-op Connection groups to help you meet other students while on a work term
- > Specialized mental health, accessibility and international student resources

STUDY / RECRUITING TERMS

Take classes

Pay co-op fee with tuition

Review co-op important dates

Login to WaterlooWorks and:

- > Accept the terms and conditions
- > Set your job search intentions
- > Complete your skills profile and location preferences

Take your first WatPD course in your first recruiting term

(you'll be automatically enrolled in PD1 or CFE, if you're an Engineering student)

Apply to co-op jobs via WaterlooWorks

Multiple employment cycles where you can apply → interview → rank → match with jobs throughout the term, until you find employment

Arrange your own job (AOJ) for co-op credit

- > Tap into your network!
- > Search on other job boards both within and outside WaterlooWorks
- > Follow AOJ process

...Or return to a previous employer!

Once you're employed

- > Connect with your employer
- > Complete any forms or documentation
- > Find housing
- > Select PD course for work term
- > Connect with your new co-op advisor

If you haven't found a job (yet), you can keep searching until the last day to start work, which isn't until after the work term begins! You can also talk to your co-op advisor about other ways to find work and build skills.

WORK TERMS

Set goals for your work term

Learn how to:

- > Expand and transfer your knowledge and skills
- > Develop yourself and your direction
- > Build relationships with others
- > Design and deliver innovative solutions

Grow skills to make you future-proof

Stay connected with your co-op advisor

Connect with other co-op students working close by

Complete your PD course (approx. 20 hours of work)

Check in with co-op staff

- > Complete your eCheckin and work term recap
- > Check for new WaterlooWorks messages
- > Reach out to your co-op advisor if you need support
- > Give us feedback on your work term experience!

Check in with your employer

- > Discuss their expectations
- > Ask for feedback often
- > Arrange a midterm evaluation (recommended)
- > Ensure your employer submits an overall performance evaluation at the end of your work term (required)

COMPLETE 4-6 WORK TERMS IN BETWEEN STUDY/RECRUITING TERMS, DEPENDING ON WHAT'S REQUIRED FOR YOUR PROGRAM

FAST FORWARD TO GRADUATION

Plan for life after graduation

Are you thinking about taking your studies further, or starting your career? Centre for Career Action can help!

Attend your convocation ceremony – congrats, Warrior!

Join our global network of alumni

Access career development resources for Waterloo grads

Take small steps to start navigating your career

Try new jobs and industries to continue growing your skills

Think of ways to keep learning through upskilling and reskilling

HIRE YOUR OWN CO-OP STUDENTS ONE DAY!