

CAMPUS PARTNERS AND EDGE

If you work with students on campus on a regular basis, you're already in a perfect position to support EDGE.

HOW DOES EDGE HELP YOU?

- › EDGE supports rich student learning. Students who connect academic study and experiences outside of the classroom are more satisfied and engaged.
- › EDGE supports the recruitment efforts of your unit by giving you a new way to market your student leadership positions, volunteer opportunities and paid experiences.
- › EDGE encourages students to pursue personal growth by giving back to the campus community.

HOW CAN YOU HELP EDGE?

- › Refer students in regular programs to EDGE. You can encourage them to invest in their personal and professional development by completing the program.
- › Pre-approve your student experiences now to save time on validating later. This will also help ensure that students have plenty of meaningful options if they choose to pursue experiential opportunities on campus.

EXAMPLES OF PRE-APPROVED EDGE EXPERIENCES

- › Residence Don (Housing)
- › Student Ambassador (Visitors Centre)
- › Science Outreach Volunteer (Faculty of Science)
- › Cashier/Customer Service Representative (Math CnD)
- › Casual Part-Time Employee (Food Services)
- › Volunteer Coordinator (Imprint)
- › Conversation Partner (Renison)
- › Intramural Referee (Athletics and Recreation)

EDGE PRE-APPROVAL CRITERIA

- Students must complete at least 36 hours of active learning (paid or volunteer) in a given term.
- Students must complete their learning under the supervision of an employer, supervisor, coach or similar authority figure. The reporting relationship can exist between students if a peer is responsible for monitoring the performance of another student.
- The supervisor must complete an evaluation of student performance at the end of the experience. Departments seeking pre-approval of their experiences must agree to implement an EDGE feedback mechanism if they do not currently have a process in place to do so. If a current evaluation process exists, EDGE will accept receipt of the existing appraisal form.

Contact Jessica Lang (EDGE Manager) to pre-approve your experience at j6lang@uwaterloo.ca



FIND YOUR EDGE

uwaterloo.ca/edge

EDGE is a certificate program for students in traditional (non-co-op) programs who want to connect their academic study with experiential opportunities on campus, in the community and in the workplace. Students who complete EDGE will develop professional skills like communication and teamwork, explore their career options and learn how to market their skills to employers.

How do students complete EDGE?

1 | SKILLS IDENTIFICATION AND ARTICULATION WORKSHOP

Students identify the skills they develop through academic study and practice expressing them in a confident, concise manner.

2 | CAREER DEVELOPMENT COURSE

Students build résumés and sharpen other core career-seeking skills in a practical, hands-on course.

3 | A COMBINATION OF THREE ACADEMIC OR WORK EXPERIENCES

Academic courses: Some courses involve hands-on work with industry partners and/or community groups. Students who take courses with these experiential components use them to complete EDGE.

Work experiences: Students pair on-campus and off-campus opportunities such as full- or part-time employment, internships and volunteer work with online professional development courses.

4 | CAPSTONE WORKSHOP

Students reflect on their undergraduate experiences and work with career experts to develop a plan of action for post-graduation success.