Why did you choose to be a Peer Leader?

I chose to become a Co-op Peer Leader because this is a support system I wish I had in first year. As a first year student I had so many questions about the co-op process but didn’t know whom to ask. As a Peer Leader, I am that one point of contact, and if I can’t answer the questions then I forward it to the right person.

What program are you in?

Environmental Engineering with a Water Resources Option (2017)

What have you learned as a Peer Leader?

I have learned who I am as a leader and my leadership style through running events and meetings with the Living-Learning students. I have also learned how to engage students who are quiet and reserved to help them gain the most from the Living Learning experience. My time management skills have been tested, as I balance the requirements of the Peer Leader position and a hectic engineering schedule.

What would you say to somebody who is thinking of being a Peer Leader?

Becoming a Peer Leader was one of the most rewarding decisions I have made. Getting to share my experiences and lessons learned, while helping others through the process has made me realize how amazing my undergraduate experience at Waterloo has been. I have grown as a student and as a leader, and helping the Living-Learning students do the same is incredible.

What would you say to a student who is interested in the Co-op Living-Learning Community?

The Co-op Living-Learning Community is an incredible support system to have while applying to co-op jobs for the first time. Networking is so important when looking for jobs pre- and post-graduation. The Co-op LLC provides a comfortable environment to meet employers and practice networking for the day you meet the employer of your dream job. Having a point of contact throughout the process who is able to answer questions during the evenings and weekends when you are applying to jobs is so beneficial. This is a program I wish I could have been a part of as a first year student.