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ENGINEERING

CO-OP INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

2025-2026 Report



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TRAINING ENGINEERS THE WORLD NEEDS

The Engineering Co-op Internship Program supports the College of Engineering's aspiration to distinguish our graduates as well-rounded leaders who create positive change in the world.

The co-op program is an optional, academic work-integrated learning program connecting undergraduate students with quality engineering work experience. It adheres to the best practices in co-operative education as outlined by Co-operative Education and Work-Integrated Learning (CEWIL) Canada.

Our program is designed to offer both students and employers support and flexibility. Students are available for short (4 months) or longer-term placements (8, 12, or 16 months) with start dates in January, May, or September. We offer continuous recruitment for employers so that we can best support their recruitment needs.

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PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

66%

**UNDERGRAD
STUDENTS JOIN
THE CO-OP
PROGRAM**

125

**EMPLOYERS
POSTED JOBS
TO OUR CO-OP
JOB BOARD**

43%

**CONVOCATED
WITH CO-OP
WORK
EXPERIENCE**

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We see a future where our graduates are well-rounded leaders whose technical, professional, and people skills create positive change in the world.

BENEFITS TO HIRING AN ENGINEERING CO-OP STUDENT



BUILD YOUR TALENT PIPELINE

Co-op may be an opportunity to evaluate a potential long-term employee before committing: many employers choose to hire co-op students after graduation.



FRESH NEW PERSPECTIVES

Students can make a strong addition to your workplace. They often bring new ideas, fresh perspectives, and enthusiasm.



ASSIST WITH PROJECTS

Students are short-term employees, which can be helpful to businesses in temporary times of need.



BRAND YOUR ORGANIZATION

Students may assist in branding your organization on campus when they return to their studies.

WORK PLACEMENT STATISTICS

2025-2026



180 STUDENTS PLACED



PLACEMENT LENGTH

19%	4-months
13%	8-months
13%	12-months
55%	16-months



PLACEMENT START

7%	September 2024
11%	January 2025
82%	May 2025



YEAR IN PROGRAM

8%	Second year students
92%	Upper year students



GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

79%	SK
16%	AB
5%	Other



CO-OP COURSE ENROLLMENT

107	Fall 2025 Term
115	Winter 2026 Term
246	Spring/Summer 2026 Term



WORK PLACEMENT STATS BY PROGRAM

Program	Students Placed	Average Monthly Salary
Chemical	22	\$5,284
Civil	38	\$4,625
Computer	11	\$5,066
Electrical	19	\$4,896
Engineering Physics	3	\$4,115
Environmental	11	\$4,943
Geological	20	\$5,098
Mechanical	56	\$5,027
TOTAL	180	\$4,950

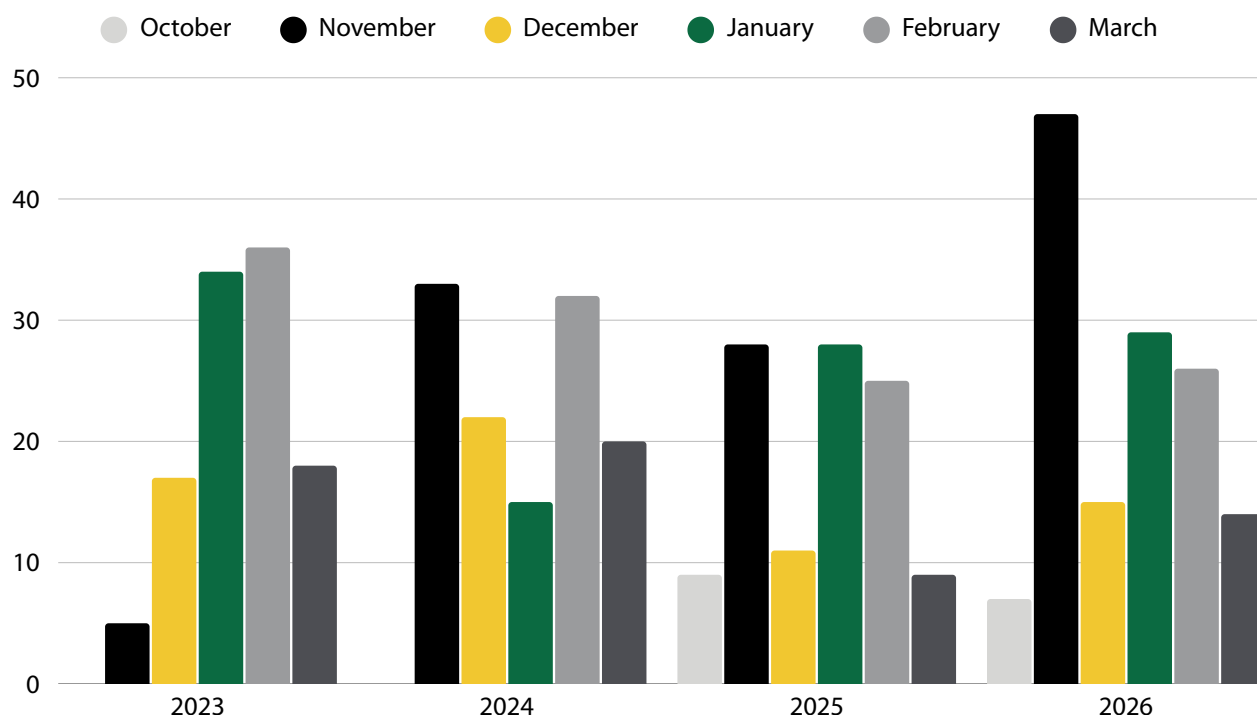


WHEN STUDENTS ARE SIGNING OFFERS

Historically, employer recruitment for co-op positions followed a fairly predictable bell curve, with peak hiring activity occurring approximately 4-5 months prior to the student beginning their work term. However, over the past several years, this pattern has become increasingly variable.

This shift makes it difficult to pinpoint the "best" time to post and recruit students. While we can no longer rely on a single optimal recruitment window, we encourage employers to keep in mind that students become significantly busier toward the middle and end of academic terms.

For this reason, posting opportunities in October or December/January tends to yield better engagement and application rates, with offers going out in November and January/February.



CO-OP STUDENT OF THE YEAR 2026



DMITRI BOHACH

Geological Engineering

Presented annually, the Co-op Student of the Year award recognizes an engineering co-op student whose work-integrated learning experience has had a significant impact on their employer, their own professional development and the broader USask Engineering community.

During his 16-month co-op placement with SRK Consulting (Canada) Ltd., Dmitri worked alongside the tailings group consulting mining operations across Canada and abroad. As his placement progressed, he became involved with more projects and took on greater responsibilities, including a unique opportunity to support a high-risk tailings storage facility in South Africa. In addition, his work with the South African mine led to writing two technical papers and co-authoring another.

"I joined the co-op program seeking real-world experience and professional relationships in my field. Participating in the program has been an invaluable decision," said Dmitri. "It enhanced my technical understanding of soil mechanics, geotechnical engineering, and safe tailings management, while developing my client communication and work-life balance skills."

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Thank you to our employer partners for shaping the next generation of engineers in our community.

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