



Start EARLY-Get Ahead!

BASIC TIPS:

- You should start looking for internships and co-ops as early as possible! Talk to various companies and research the openings they have available. Learning about various companies and potential jobs will help you down the line when selecting your major and future career path.
- Start as a freshman doing an internship/co-op if possible. It may be more difficult to land a position as a freshman since you will be competing against upperclassmen, but you will benefit greatly from pursuing the opportunity early on. It will give you more time to pursue other internships/co-ops before you graduate.
- Involve yourself in student professional organizations and clubs. These experiences help you build your brand and resume to become a stronger candidate.
- Take advantage of volunteer opportunities! If they relate to what you want to do, they will often make you more competitive and marketable.
- Starting early and figuring out where you see yourself in the "professional world" by researching companies and potential positions, often enables you to gain more valuable experience when you start applying for internships and co-ops.
- You are doing yourself a favor by starting early since you are figuring out what you like and what you don't like. Employers like to see that thoughtfulness during an interview.
- Start as a freshman by planting seeds with as many companies as possible. By the time you are a junior for example, you will likely have a better idea of what you want to pursue, and an employer will likely be more interested in having you join their internship/co-op program.