Co-op Program Scholarship

Create your career

• Industry training
• Leadership & professional development
• Networking opportunities
• Mentoring
• Financial support ($86,400 over four years).

UNSW
Program Scholarship
Co-op connects you with Industry heavyweights in the Private and Public sector

Some of the world’s largest brands, technology giants, financial heavyweights, cutting edge start-ups, sustainability leaders, and key government agencies support you to develop your future career and make a global impact.

- **Up to 18 months of relevant industry experience** with multiple companies provides invaluable insight into the real world of work in your chosen profession.

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- **Career planning** will help you identify your direction and the skills/attributes needed to reach your goals.

With their extensive work experience through the Program, Co-op scholars are highly sought-after by our sponsors for graduate recruitment and hit the ground running in their career.

**Give yourself and your career the best start possible – apply today**!

Visit coop.unsw.edu.au for detailed program information, availability, study outlines and sponsor lists.

**Insights from NEW Co-op scholars**

“A Co-op scholar told us we didn’t need fancy achievements to get in and his words gave me the courage to continue with my application. To be offered the scholarship means I know I have a community that will support me through university.”

Hanne Kocadag
(Software Engineering)
Amity College

“Being offered the Co-op scholarship has shaken up my future in the best and brightest way possible. I am now faced with a seemingly endless set of fantastic opportunities. Opportunities which, using the skills training and scholar network provided to me by the program, I know I will flourish in as my career progresses.”

Keith Trayhurn
(Mechanical Engineering)
Sydney Technical High School
The Co-op Program wants to get to know you:

You can apply for up to three program streams that you have a serious interest in studying and could interview for multiple streams, but can only accept the offer of a Co-op scholarship in one program.

Part 1 – Online Application

Explain what most attracts you to the UNSW Co-op Program and the academic field(s) you have chosen.

We want to hear about your co-curricular activities (1) and the most important things you gained or learned from these activities (2).

Tell us about your personal development, what you regard as your key strengths and real areas for improvement (3).

Use a situation that highlights your leadership and teamwork (4) then draw on your experiences and talk about your decision making or problem solving (5). Describe a significant achievement or project that showcases your creativity/agility/originality (6). Tell us where you see yourself after graduation (7) and why you should be selected as a UNSW Co-op Program scholar (8).

NB: Observe the character limits indicated in the system.

Part 2 – Schools Assessment Page

Nominate your Careers Adviser or Year Level Coordinator to complete your Schools Assessment Page (SAP) within your online application. To give them plenty of time, nominate as soon as you register! SAP submission deadline for schools is early October.

Video Snapshot

If you secure an interview for the Co-op Program you will be sent a link to complete a short 2 minute video to introduce yourself and tell us something interesting, unusual or different about you to expand on your written application. You must complete your video to be interviewed.

Go to www.coop.unsw.edu.au/apply or scan the QR code to register now and find out more about the Co-op experience and opportunities.

Key Dates for 2025

- **1 May**: Applications Open
- **30 September**: Applications Close
- **7 September**: Open Day
- **7 November**: Interview & Video Snapshot Invite
- **14 November**: Snapshot Due
- **19 November**: Interview Briefing Day
- **20 November**: Interviews
- **11 December**: Conditional Offer

Programs

**Business**
- Accounting & Business Management
- Actuarial Studies
- Business Information Systems
- Commerce Information Systems
- Finance & Banking
- Marketing

**Science**
- Advanced Mathematics
- Data Science & Decisions
- Materials Science & Engineering

**Engineering**
- Chemical Engineering
- Chemical Product Engineering
- Computer Science
- Electrical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Mining Engineering
- Photovoltaics
- Renewable Energy
- Software Engineering

1. Mining applicants should refer to the website for program specific information.
2. Scholars in 5 year programs can apply for a competitive 5th year Honours scholarship.
3. Not all programs are offered every year. Interviews will only be offered for a stream once sponsorship is confirmed.
Are you a 2025 Co-op scholar?

Academic requirements
To accept a Co-op scholarship in 2025 you must gain entry into the chosen degree program at UNSW, achieve a minimum of 96 ATAR or equivalent, and no adjustment factors (except EAS) will be considered for this requirement. Students from Gateway schools should refer to the Gateway website for further information. Students taking a gap year (maximum 2 years) will need to reapply in the year before they commence university. Please check the Co-op website for updates.

UAC codes
You will need to gain entry into the corresponding single degree program to accept a Co-op scholarship. E.g. entry into the Bachelor of Actuarial Studies (Co-op) is required for an offer in the Co-op Actuarial Studies Program. Check the website for UAC codes. Note only Co-op streams in the Business School have specific UAC codes. You will not be able to accept your scholarship through the flexible first year engineering program or a combined degree program.

Double majors and double degrees
Double degrees are increasingly available through Co-op however Co-op scholars must start in a single degree and many single degrees can already accommodate 2 areas of study (e.g. Accounting & Information Systems) as a double major. Double degrees need to be discussed with the Co-op team once you are in the program. If the double exists, it should be possible to transfer if you are demonstrating strong academic achievement, fulfilling all Co-op requirements and gain sponsors’ approval.

Are there other scholarships offered at UNSW?
A range of UNSW scholarships are available to students from first year and right through their university career. To identify scholarships relevant to you, go to scholarships.unsw.edu.au and use the search function to find a scholarship that matches your circumstances and interests.

It’s not just about the marks!
Co-op scholars:
- make a significant contribution to school or community
- show initiative and leadership
- communicate well
- enjoy working in teams
- want to be active within the university and Co-op community
- are genuinely interested in a career in industry or a government enterprise in their chosen program
- are ambitious and keen to contribute
- care about what is happening in the community, country and the world at large.

This program is for students who thrive on challenges, appreciate the opportunities presented to them, make the most of every situation and can commit for the full 4 to 5 year program.

Eligibility
If this sounds like you and you are an Australian citizen, permanent resident, humanitarian visa holder, or New Zealand citizen, we strongly encourage you to apply.

The career development scholarship for high potential undergraduate students.

Apply now
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or scan the QR code