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Environmental Studies Co-op

At UVic, learning extends beyond the classroom. Through co-operative education, you can complement your studies with paid co-op terms working for exciting employers in positions related to your field of study.

Join Environmental Studies Co-op to learn what you can do with your degree or diploma, try different jobs, build professional skills and expand your network of contacts. Co-op can bring life to your studies and help you prepare for your future career!
Flexible co-op scheduling
Co-op terms begin in January, May and September and placements are typically four months long. You can choose to do co-op in any term or do multiple co-op terms in a row, and can complete 1 to 3 co-op terms—the third will earn you a Co-op designation on your degree (Restoration of Natural Systems Diploma students earn this designation with just 1 co-op term). Talk to us about how you can best fit co-op into your schedule!

Work and learn—anywhere!
You could develop your skills in a government setting, a non-profit or a private business in areas like ecological restoration, environmental education and outreach, farming, policy analysis, fund development, community development or research. Our co-op students contribute to exciting projects at a wide variety of organizations in Victoria, across Canada and around the world.

Some past environmental studies and RNS co-op jobs
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- Calliope Consulting Inc.—BC Ferries coastal naturalist
- Environment Canada—Junior policy analyst
- Galiano Conservancy Association—Environmental restoration technician
- Habitat Acquisition Trust—Land protection intern
- Parks Canada—Ecological monitoring assistant
- University of Victoria—Sustainability intern

How to apply (it's easy!)
- Apply by September 20 or January 20
- Must be a full-time student and have completed your first year of study; RNS Diploma students must have taken at least 30% of your core courses
- Must have a B average overall as well as in all ES or ER courses
- Download the application form at uvic.ca/sscoop

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