Physics student Marcus Merryfield spent a co-op work term as a research assistant for National Research Council Canada.

Physics and Astronomy Co-op

Join Physics and Astronomy to try different jobs, meet employers, earn a salary and gain relevant work experience! You’ll complete co-op terms working for exciting employers in positions related to your field of study.
Program format options
Co-op work terms begin in January, May and September and are typically 4 months long. Several program options are available to fit your schedule:

+ Co-op Program: 4 work terms
+ Work Experience Program: 1–2 work terms
+ Post-Study Internship: 4, 8 or 12 months

Where you could work
Our employers include high-tech businesses, scientific research organizations, crown corporations, and government and university research labs. Some past co-op jobs include:

+ Astronomy intern—Gemini Observatory
+ Da Vinci surgical system software/data intern—Intuitive Surgical Inc.
+ Geodynamics computer modelling assistant—Natural Resources Canada
+ Geophysical assistant—GEOMAR
+ Medical physics research assistant—BC Cancer Agency
+ Membrane Research and Development—Automotive Fuel Cell Cooperation
+ Youth STEM instructor—Science Venture

How to apply
Visit uvic.ca/physcoop to learn more and apply online. You must be pursuing a degree in physics or astronomy and have:

+ Full-time student status
+ Second-year standing
+ A minimum B average

Application deadlines

+ August 31 for early intake (first work term in January)
+ September 30 for regular intake (first work term in May)