Support for Indigenous students

Co-op offers many culturally relevant work opportunities, including positions with community organizations, band and tribal councils and government ministries. Some funding is even available to help Indigenous businesses, communities and community groups hire co-op students.

Do you have family or dependents? Co-op offers:
+ Flexible co-op options, including our shorter work experience program and part-time co-op
+ Competitive co-op salaries to help you support your family while you gain work experience

Get one-on-one support from the Indigenous co-op coordinator (indgcoop@uvic.ca).

Who do you want to be?

Whether you have a dream career in mind or want to explore your options, we’ve got you covered.
+ Join our world-famous co-operative education program (co-op) and gain paid, relevant work experience before you graduate (there are flexible options to fit your schedule).
+ Access expert help as you explore your career opportunities and search for work (including résumé, cover letter and interview preparation).
+ Learn how to reflect on your experiences and discover rewarding career paths.
+ Meet employers and make connections at our on-campus career fairs and workshops.
+ Bring it all together and find your leading edge.

Co-op in action

Top left: Psychology and Indigenous studies student Nicole Mandryk (Irish, English, Anishinaabe and Ukrainian) was hired to connect with local Indigenous communities through summer programs offered at Mary’s Farm & Sanctuary, including equine-facilitated wellness workshops, drumming events and youth camps.

Top right: Social sciences student Peter Underwood (WSÁNEĆ nation, right) joined the team at M’akola Housing Society, a local Aboriginal organization that provides safe, affordable, and appropriate housing for Indigenous people and families across BC.

What’s co-op?

A way to graduate with a game plan
Co-op is an educational model that lets you alternate terms in class with terms working for employers in your field of study. You’ll gain experience + discover what you love—and what you might want in a career.

A way to travel
You could work for employers in Victoria, across Canada and around the world.

A way to cover your tuition
As a co-op student, you’ll earn a competitive wage while you work (nearly $2,850 as of 2018).

A way to stand out to employers
Co-op grads tend to find work related to their degree faster, and earn more money than those who don’t participate in co-op.

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