

Graduate Co-op Program at McMaster Engineering

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Agenda

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What is the Master's/ PhD Co-op Option?

- Paid Co-op work experience for Master's and PhD students
- Students can opt into the program with their graduate supervisor's permission
- 4 – 12 months of co-op experience

Why Co-op?

- Helps students to develop their technical skills, transferrable skills & professional network in the workplace



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How We Support Future You!

An integrated and educative approach

- 1:1 appointments and Co-op job search support
- 2023-2024 – Over 1000 individual appointments for graduate students were held (in-person or virtual)
- Emphasis on the lifelong process, skill development and professional growth
- Over 200 career events planned for 2024/2025
- Exclusive access to OSCARplus and the Engineering Co-op Job Board, with over 9000 postings per year



DID YOU KNOW

We offer support for employment preparation and career readiness

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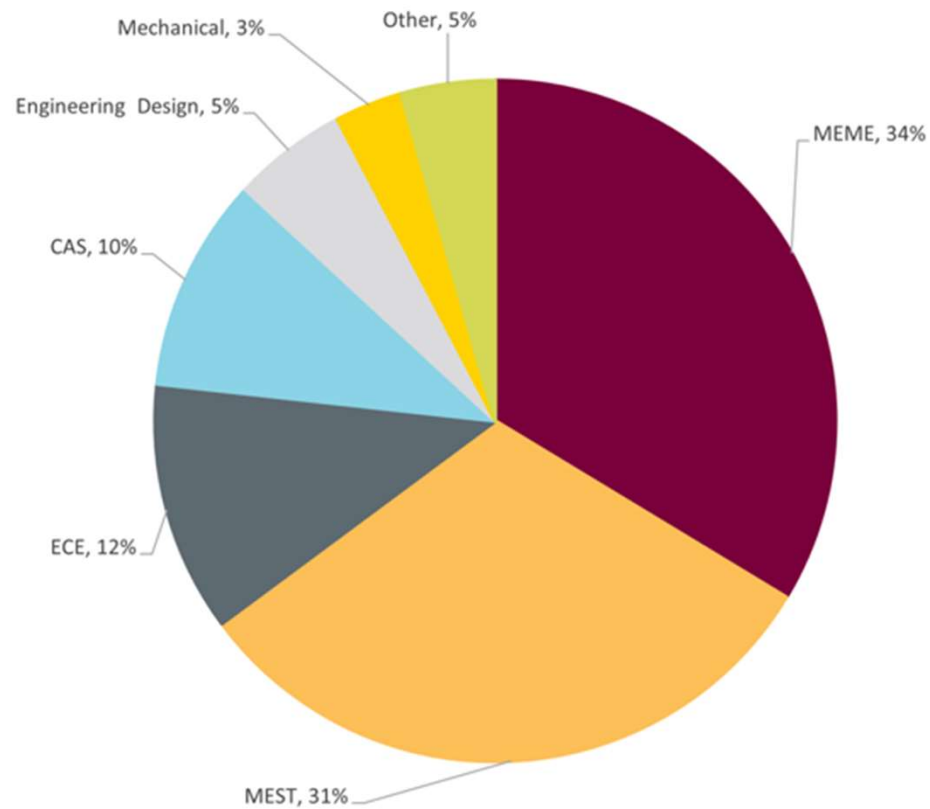
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All about **YOU!**
YOUR Co-op!
YOUR Choice!

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Co-op Work Terms by Department (2023)



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Earning Potential

Many different combinations, lots of choice.

- On average, graduate students on a Co-op work term earn between \$25-\$27 CAD per hour
 - Various factors that can increase wage include:
 - Type of program,
 - Year level of student
 - Previous work experience
 - Existing skills
 - Industry
 - Geographic location
 - Supply/demand in the labour market
 - Employer budget

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Co-op Enrollment & Program Design

Flexible, supported, accessible.

- Available in **the majority of Graduate Engineering degree programs**
- **Step #1 – Students register for Engineer 701** (MEng & MAsC. 1st or 2nd term of study or PhD after 4th term)
- **Step #2 – International Students Apply for Co-op Work Permit** (165-day delay)
- **Step #3 – Perform Job Search at the appropriate time** (4+ months ahead)
- **Maximum co-op** experience for graduate students is a total of **12** months
- **Maintain full time student status while on a registered co-op work term** and return to complete degree (must return for at least one term)

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Graduate Co-op Preparation Course (Engineer 701)

Offered each term (Fall, Winter)

- 9 week synchronous online course (only offered in Fall and Winter), Fall course beginning **Thursday, October 3 at 9:00AM**
- 1 hour lecture, followed by 30 minutes of open Q&A
- Students must opt in to the Co-op course by registering on MOSAIC, completing a short survey, and submitting a supervisor permission form (if required for your program)
- Course content includes:
 - Resume and cover letter writing
 - Building a LinkedIn profile
 - Job search skills
 - Networking and creating your brand
 - Acing the interview, offers & negotiations
 - Professionalism in the workplace
 - Co-op policies & requirements

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When Should a Student Take ENGINEER 701?

Offered Fall & Winter Terms

PROGRAM	WHEN THE STUDENT CAN WORK	DURATION OF CO-OP	WHEN TO TAKE ENG 701
MEng	After 8 months of study	4-12 months	first 1-2 terms of study
MASc/ M.Sc	After 8 months of study	4-12 months	first 1-2 terms of study
PhD	After 18 months of study	4-12 months	after 18 months of study
MEng (Sept only)	After 8 months of study	4-12 months	in first term of study

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Next Steps...

Enrollment in Engineer 701 is now Open

<https://www.eng.mcmaster.ca/co-op-career/co-op-program/#tab-content-graduate-students>

- ✓ Speak to your academic supervisor or department (if required)
- ✓ Enroll in ENGINEER 701 in MOSAIC
- ✓ Submit your registration survey (follow website instructions)
- ✓ Submit your supervisor permission form (if required)
- ✓ See you on October 3 at 9:00AM for the first class!
- ✓ Questions – Reach out to gradcoop@mcmaster.ca

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Industry Partnership

Over 1000 employers hire our students every year.



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Thank you!

**Questions? Email
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