

Co-op and Internship FAQs (as of March 23, 2020)

WINTER 2020 Co-op/Internship Term

What should I do if my company asks me to work remote?

If your employer asks you to work remotely, please contact your Faculty programs office to advise. We will discuss work from home protocol and update your work location for University tracking.

Can I end my Winter 2020 work term early?

Yes. All students who choose to end their winter 2020 co-op/internship work term now are still eligible to earn their placement credit. Please contact your program office who can share your program's specific requirements.

Please note that your employer is still required to complete a final work term evaluation – this can be done after you leave your work placement.

What should I do if my company has advised me of my temporary layoff or dismissal?

Please contact your co-op/internship program office and they will provide you with additional information regarding next steps. You will still be eligible to earn your placement credit.

SUMMER 2020 Co-op/Internship Term

Has the Summer Co-op/Internship Recruitment Cycle Been Suspended?

Co-op/internship recruitment continues. Interviews will continue to happen remotely (via phone/webcam) until the end of April. All scheduled interviews in OSCARplus will include detailed instructions for your virtual interview.

Are International Co-op and Internships being Approved?

The Government of Canada has imposed significant border restrictions. We are not currently approving any University-related travel until further notice. As such, international co-op and internship roles are not being approved for Summer 2020. Should your international company request you to work remote from Canada, please contact your co-op/internship office to discuss.

I have secured my co-op work term or internship for Summer 2020. Do I still have this role?

For those of you who have already secured, please know that your positions are confirmed unless you are notified otherwise by your co-op and career office and/or your employer.

What if I am unable to secure my mandatory co-op or internship for Summer 2020?

Co-op and internship recruitment cycles are continuing as planned. Should the COVID19 situation have an impact on this process, your Faculty is committed to exploring options that vary from our standard process to minimize student impact.

Do I have to start my summer co-op or internship on May 4th?

We are approving all co-op and internship summer terms to start anytime up until June 1st. If you have already secured, any change to your start date will be communicated by your employer and/or your co-op and career office.

Co-op and career offices

Please reach out to your faculty career and co-op offices if you have specific questions related to your individual co-op or internship term:

- Career & Professional Development, DeGroot School of Business: recruit.degroot@mcmaster.ca
- Engineering Co-op and Career Services, Faculty of Engineering: engcar@mcmaster.ca
- Science Co-op and Career Services, Faculty of Science: scce@mcmaster.ca
- Careers and Experiential Education, Faculty of Social Sciences: kerlong@mcmaster.ca
- Student Success Centre: careers@mcmaster.ca

Wellness Support Services

If you are on a work placement and would like to speak to someone about your wellness needs, please visit the McMaster [Student Wellness Centre Information](#) for support.