

THE CO-OP EXPERIENCE



"In addition to the engineering, I learned a lot of soft skills in my co-op. The people you work with are there to teach you and leave room for you to make mistakes. This is the place to get your first working experience."

— Jayda Lewis '23
Bioengineering
Co-op: United Therapeutics



"Through my time at LiRo, I not only learned about the different disciplines of civil engineering, but how these disciplines relate to each other and what each would do on a day-to-day basis."

— Robbie Humrich '23
Civil Engineering
Co-op: The LiRo Group



"My co-op experience helped me to see what is expected of me when I become involved in the working world. I learned that communication is key and it is okay to not know everything upon leaving school. I have that in mind as I start my job search."

— Tatiana Carey '23
Mechanical Engineering
Co-op: Jaros, Baum & Bolles



"The co-op experience has sharpened the feeling that bioengineering is right for me. Now I can see where I can end up, and I'm not just getting a degree to get a degree. I'm taking these classes because I need to learn this information. It's shifted my mindset to be more focused on the end goal."

— Gabriella Miller '25
Bioengineering
Co-op: Ethicon/Johnson & Johnson

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HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY CO-OP PROGRAM

Fred DeMatteis School of
Engineering and Applied Science

Opportunity Through Experience



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



Today, it is not unusual to find employers citing their inability to fill entry-level engineering and computer science positions with students who possess real-world experience. The DeMatteis School of Engineering and Applied Science Co-op Program at Hofstra University maintains a long-term commitment to partner with the corporate community to address this growing need.

The DeMatteis Co-op Program provides students with an integrated educational and professional work experience. Participating undergraduate and graduate students have the opportunity to secure a paid position with a company in a field related to their degree program.

The program also helps business leaders tap into the base of young, experienced engineering and technology talent here on Long Island. We are currently working with over 200 firms and have successfully placed more than 175 students since we launched the program in 2015.

We continue to work hard to build and improve our program, which is attracting top-ranked students and top-tier corporations looking to recruit DeMatteis graduates. Our long-term goal is to transform the DeMatteis Co-op into a nationally recognized program that contributes to Hofstra's educational value proposition while meeting the needs of our corporate partners.

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WHY CO-OP?

1) HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

Want to know what your career will really look like? There is no better preparation than working full time at a company related to your major for 6-8 months.

Co-op students are embraced as employees and work alongside professionals and mentors with their own assignments, workloads, and opportunities.

2) GET PAID!

Co-op students working 6-8 months can expect to earn a salary of \$20,000-\$40,000.* This is not volunteer, credit-only, or minimum-wage work. Co-op students are paid as professionals, appropriate for the value they are providing.

Hofstra does not charge tuition to students while employed at a co-op. Additionally, they remain full-time, matriculated students. Any unused financial aid will be available to them upon returning to the University.

3) JOB MARKET ADVANTAGE

Upon graduation, co-op students have a significant advantage over other job applicants. They have a resume of demonstrative work in the field, professional connections, and a direct pipeline to their co-op employer. In many cases, co-op students receive higher starting salaries after graduation.

**Recommended wage is \$25/hour. Salary varies by company.*



CO-OP REQUIREMENTS

Eligibility:

Undergraduate students must have completed the first semester of junior-level coursework.

Minimum GPA:

2.75 undergraduate students
3.2 graduate students

Length of employment:

Requirements include a minimum of six months and a maximum of eight months for each co-op placement.

Time of employment: Co-ops start in January or June, and students must be employed full time during the term.

Corporate requirements:

Companies must comply with all local and state labor laws.

International students are encouraged to apply.

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