



THE NEED FOR CO-OP SUPPORT

CO-OP: SETTING NORTHEASTERN GRADUATES APART FROM THE REST

Northeastern students have the edge in the real world—and it's because of experiential education. Since 1909, co-op has integrated focused study and work, bringing students a powerful learning experience and a seamless college-to-career transition. Our graduates know how to translate their skills to match employers' needs and have the resumes to prove it.

Now, the challenge. Most of the university's nearly 3,000 co-op employers around the world provide compensation to students in full-time, professional roles. However, certain worthy organizations—startup companies, public service agencies, and nonprofit organizations, to name a few—are unable to offer full salaries. Some pay nothing at all due to severe budget constraints or laws that prohibit the hiring of noncitizens.

Northeastern University invites alumni, parents, and other supporters to help fund these co-op experiences, opening doors to some of the most meaningful and challenging co-ops a student can have.

SPECIAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Startup co-ops. Entrepreneurship is a hallmark of the Northeastern ethos. By working alongside the founders of fledgling companies like 88 Acres and New Grounds Food, students learn how a business is born and nurtured. Students may also take a co-op to hone and launch their own companies, like Pickasound or ScholarJet. Your gifts make immersive co-ops feasible at promising ventures that lack the funds to pay full salaries.

Research co-ops. Students eager to create new knowledge have abundant research co-ops to choose from—from studying rising ocean temperatures in Antarctica to conducting behavioral neuroscience research at Children's Hospital of Costa Rica. You can help them hone a passion for discovery in the sciences and humanities with gifts that supplement modest stipends.

International co-ops. Growing numbers of students are eager to work and study abroad, but some are discouraged by high travel and living costs. With your support, international experiences will help more students explore other lands, languages, and cultures while becoming true global citizens.

Public service co-ops. Co-ops enable students to serve and shape society, help those in need, and implement solutions to pressing issues. Northeastern students are making their mark in all sectors—from the White House to the Scottish Parliament, from the Museum of Fine Arts Boston to NASA, from the World Food Programme to National Geographic. But we need you to help us continue to offer these transformational experiences.



Jonah Saunders, College of
Engineering

"I really want to be an inventor—that's what I've been saying my entire life. I'm working on co-op at NASA, and I help design the electrical system airflow and sensing for a spacecraft. I get to apply all the concepts that I learned at my previous co-op, and at Northeastern. Knowing this system will be in space at some point soon—I feel so lucky to be involved with that."

MEASURES OF OUR MOMENTUM

12,127 } co-op placements

2,934 } co-op employers worldwide

149 } countries where Northeastern has provided experiential learning opportunities

Marissa Grenon, School of Law

“As a Public Interest Law Scholar, financial support for my unpaid co-ops makes a tremendous impact on my ability to apply myself to the fullest extent possible, rather than having to juggle several part-time jobs in addition to my full-time co-op schedule.”



WHY SUPPORT CO-OP AT NORTHEASTERN?

When it comes to giving students opportunities to put knowledge into practice, there’s simply no place like Northeastern. While many universities invite students to pursue summer internships, Northeastern co-ops enable students to integrate up to three six-month periods of full-time employment into their course of study. As a result, our graduates excel at managing their careers and lives—and contribute to their world. They know exactly where they want to go, and they have the skills, credentials, and confidence to get there.



Sakshi Agarwal, D’Amore-McKim School of Business

“I’m working on co-op with Puma in their U.S. office. I make sure we have enough inventory in the warehouse, and use that information for future inventory planning. Navigating the global supply chain has taught me how to think my way out of sticky situations. I do work that actually matters in the company, and it’s definitely helped me grow.”

OUR COMMITMENT TO STUDENTS

What defines experiential learning at Northeastern? It’s an invitation for students to step outside their comfort zone and shine. It’s a chance to apply academic concepts to the real world—and to bring lessons learned back to the classroom. It’s an opportunity to develop deeper insights and build leadership skills. Gifts for co-ops do far more than help meet students’ bottom line: They recognize potential, reward achievement, and attract a student body that rises to meet society’s most pressing challenges.

As our students move, with your help, from the classroom to the workplace, they gain a nuanced view of the world and their ability to shape it. Your investment in cooperative education at Northeastern will benefit a new generation—and through it, our shared future.

THE NORTHEASTERN ADVANTAGE

93% } of graduates are employed full time or in graduate school within nine months of graduation

91% } of employed graduates are in jobs related to their major

1st } national ranking for internships, U.S. News & World Report (2023)