



# THE NEED FOR CO-OP SUPPORT

## CO-OP: AN INNOVATIVE EDUCATION POWERED BY NORTHEASTERN

Northeastern students have the edge in the real world—and it's because of experiential education. Since 1909, co-op has integrated 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.

Students from the College of Science work at co-ops around the world, across all industries—at startup companies, public service agencies, and nonprofit organizations. However, some worthy organizations are unable to offer full salaries, while others pay nothing at all due to budget constraints. Although compensation is limited, these co-ops provide incomparable learning experiences that lead to career-launching opportunities and create positive social impact.

The College of Science invites alumni, parents, and other supporters to help finance underfunded co-ops, opening doors to some of the most meaningful experiences a student can have.

## CO-OP FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

**Customized co-ops.** By customizing a co-op, students can explore career paths that closely align with their passions. However, some co-ops take place at organizations that lack the funds to pay full salaries or are located in cities with costly living expenses. Your support will make even more customized co-ops feasible, allowing students to develop their interests into flourishing careers.

**Research co-ops.** Students can choose from an abundance of research co-ops, including working alongside a distinguished Northeastern faculty expert. However, these unparalleled opportunities are often unable to offer a salary equal to their role. By supplementing stipends for these positions, you can help students hone their skills under the guidance of a seasoned scientist.

**International co-ops.** Growing numbers of students are eager to work abroad, but some are discouraged by high travel and living costs. Our students have traveled to Morocco, Italy, and other global locations, working for institutions like the High Atlas Foundation and the University of Milan. With your support, even more students can partake in international experiences.

**Public service co-ops.** Co-ops enable students to help people in need in Boston and farther afield. Students who co-op at the Boston Community Impact Co-ops Program, for example, partner with local human service agencies and nonprofit organizations—but these students receive a small stipend. We need your help to continue offering these transformational experiences that make a positive change.

**Clinical co-ops.** Our students on the pre-med track can work in clinical co-ops, which help fulfill the lab hours needed for medical school applications. They learn from healthcare professionals and interact directly with patients, but are largely underpaid. With additional funding, more students can gain this valuable clinical experience.

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## MEASURES OF NORTHEASTERN'S MOMENTUM

**12,127** } co-op placements

**2,934** } co-op employers worldwide

**149** } countries where Northeastern has provided experiential learning opportunities

### 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.

#### Eddie Berman, Applied Physics and Mathematics Major

"I'm working on co-op with Professor Jacqueline McCleary, and we're co-investigators on COSMOS-Web: The JWST Cosmic Origins Survey. Being a researcher at Northeastern allows me to do independent and interdisciplinary work, like tackling problems at the intersection of numerical linear algebra, statistics, and cosmology."



#### Destiny Hernandez, Biology Major

"One of my favorite parts of working as a procedure nurse is seeing different aspects of a clinical setting. This exposure has allowed me to get hands-on experience and adapt to a wide range of medical situations. I've gained a better understanding of where I want to focus my career."



### 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)