



115
YEARS
CO-OP
Northeastern
University

A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES, A LIFETIME OF ACHIEVEMENT

CO-OP: SETTING NORTHEASTERN GRADUATES APART FOR 115 YEARS

Since 1909, co-op has given Northeastern students an edge, empowering them to align their knowledge, skills, and creativity with employers' needs. As Northeastern parents and family members, you can open the doors to co-op for even more students in the following ways:

- Hire a co-op student at your company
- Connect a student to an employer in your network
- Make a philanthropic gift to support co-op

Co-op students add energy and ideas to every role they take on. Most of the university's 3,587 co-op employers around the world compensate students working in full-time, professional roles. However, certain 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 financial or regulatory constraints.

Northeastern invites you to fund co-op experiences like these, and to tap your network to help students find their next co-op placement. In doing so, you will enable them to not only build their resumes, but also explore their professional interests across global industries and sectors.

MEASURES OF OUR MOMENTUM

13,346 } co-op placements

3,587 } co-op employers worldwide

149 } countries where Northeastern has provided experiential learning opportunities

Nicole and John Nadolenco,
Northeastern Parents and
Co-Chairs of the Family
Fellows

"Many government and nonprofit entities are simply not able to pay for co-ops. But they offer our students some of the most valuable experiences. That's why my wife, Nicole, and I have directed our philanthropic support toward Northeastern's co-op program," says John Nadolenco. "We want to help ensure that students who might not be able to afford un- or underfunded co-ops can accept them and the experiences they offer."





Michael Tormey,
College of Engineering

As a student, Michael Tormey completed three co-ops focused on developing urban infrastructure. Today, the civil engineering alumnus is a transportation planner for the City of Boston. “I was able to get the job I have, and do the job I have, because of co-op,” says Tormey. “On co-op, I discovered who I am, what I want to do, and the problems I want to help solve.”

SPECIAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

As our students move 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.

Startup co-ops. Entrepreneurship is a hallmark of the Northeastern ethos. By working alongside the founders of fledgling companies, students learn how a business is born and nurtured. Students may also take a co-op to hone and launch their own companies or they might pursue a co-op at the Sherman Center for Engineering Entrepreneurship Education, which gives builders the chance to focus solely on developing their own ventures for a six-month co-op period. Your gifts make immersive co-ops like these feasible.

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 career interests 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. Your help allows all students access to these transformational experiences.



Leah Oruko, Bouvé College of Health Sciences

While on co-op at the Research on Multi-Disease and Educational Services Center in Kenya, Leah Oruko interviews patients and doctors to understand their health challenges. “It’s so different being in the field and living the lifestyle of the Pokot people, rather than doing distant research or visiting for just a day or two,” says Oruko.

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)

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 where they want to go, and they have the skills, credentials, and confidence to get there.