



## Advancing Co-op at the College of Professional Studies

### Supporting Transformative Career Experiences for Students

Graduate students are the lifeblood of the College of Professional Studies, bringing with them maturity, areas of deep expertise—both personal and professional—and a true enthusiasm for lifelong learning. To optimize their educational journeys, they need to add experience to their foundation of classroom learning. At Northeastern, that's what co-op is for.

Applying their studies to the career of their choosing is especially critical for graduate students, who typically focus intently on the profession they aspire to—or the career already have but wish to enhance. But opportunities for co-ops that pay a living wage can be elusive. Some co-op employers, such as nonprofits, governmental organizations, research labs, or startups, cannot fund a co-op student's full salary for six months. Others, such as co-ops abroad, may not be able to pay at all because of governmental regulations.

That's why the College of Professional Studies seeks donors like you to enhance our co-op offerings and ensure that these driven and dedicated adults gain access to potentially lifechanging co-ops. Your generous support can open doors for this exceptional class of graduate students, setting them up to thrive in their next stage of life.

#### A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY

Your gift to fund co-op positions for graduate students at the College of Professional Studies can be directed to any of the following areas:



*"My co-op taught me how to translate raw logistics data into real business impact—bridging the gap between analysis and decision-making."*

—Tanvi Kadam, MPS'25, analytics

- **Startups and entrepreneurial environments.** Entrepreneurship is a hallmark of the Northeastern ethos. By working alongside a fledgling company's founders—some of whom are Northeastern alumni—students learn how a business is born and nurtured. They may also take a six-month co-op to hone and launch their own companies. However, positions in startup companies are rarely paid, so your gifts make these immersive co-ops in the entrepreneurship universe feasible.
- **Public service and nonprofit organizations.** Co-ops in service positions enable students to serve and shape society, help those in need, and implement solutions to pressing issues. But some of these most meaningful co-ops a student can have are out of reach because of the inability of these organizations to pay a full salary. Your gifts help us offer these transformational experiences to more students who want to pursue them.
- **Graduate School of Education co-ops.** At the Graduate School of Education, students who intend to work as educators in public schools in urban areas require co-op stipends to serve those under-resourced school districts. Other co-op support goes to teachers training in special education and those who work in public service and global learning.



## YOUR PARTNERSHIP, YOUR SUPPORT

According to the World Economic Forum, two-fifths of existing skillsets will be outdated in the next five years. A recent IBM survey shows that 40 percent of the global workforce—or 1.4 billion people—will have to reskill by 2026 due to AI and automation. And Goldman Sachs predicts that technology will soon displace 300 million jobs worldwide.

Northeastern's experiential learning model—powered by co-op—shapes students who are resilient, relevant, and ready to take on AI. Your gifts to advance these co-ops recognize potential, reward achievement, and attract a student body that rises to meet society's most pressing challenges.

*"Our Northeastern co-op student was an efficient problem solver who was always looking to improve quality procedures. Her proactive approach, critical thinking, and calmness under pressure helped resolve issues quickly and minimize disruptions."*

*—Pharmaceutical manufacturing employer*

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's College of Professional Studies will benefit a new generation—and through it, our shared future.



*"On my co-op, I learned that a lot of people think networking is like the concept of speed dating, you win some, you lose some. But being genuine and intentional about it makes all the difference,"*

*—Sam Taverna,  
CPS'25, information technology*



*"I coordinated across 200+ labs to ensure compliance with EPA regulations during my co-op. And I saw firsthand how regulatory work keeps research safe."*

*—Nadia Shulamite Burani,  
MS'25, regulatory affairs*