



The Engineering Cooperative Education Program

The Coop Internship Program in the School of Engineering and Applied Science offers students the opportunity to complement their formal education with an extended work experience directly related to their field of study.

THE EMPLOYER

As the job market for talented well educated students becomes increasingly competitive employers must use a variety of methods to attract top talent. Coop's are a wonderful way to solve both short and long term employment needs.

Why hire interns?

- Identify ambitious and talented students early
- Hire a preprofessional work force that are effective and highly motivated
- Try employees before making a permanent offer
- Train individuals in your particular methods
- Enhance your reputation on grounds (Interns are great resources to sell your company to other students)
- Improve technology transfers between the University of Virginia School of Engineering and your Company

What are our corporate partners' responsibilities?

- Provide training related to a student's major and career goals
- Inform the interns of their work assignments and wage/benefit package prior to the work term
- Pay the interns a reasonable wage commensurate with their ability, experience, and job responsibilities
- Place the interns under the supervision of a qualified manager or engineer who can provide the student with guidance during the work period and assist the student in adapting to the work environment
- Promote the professional development by allowing the interns to participate in training workshops and other growth opportunities
- Provide frequent feedback

THE INTERNS

Interns do not pay tuition during the work term. However, with a minimum registration fee, students maintain their status as a fulltime student. Registration is administered through the Center for Engineering Career Development.

Although interns do not receive academic credit, it is noted on their transcripts that they completed a Corporate Internship Program.

How do interns benefit?

- Prepare for the working world through experience in business and industry
- Receive practical experience to bring back to the classroom
- Gain experience to help make informed career decisions
- Make meaningful employment contacts
- Receive financial support

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Which departments participate in the program?

- Aerospace Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Systems & Information Engineering

Past Corporate employers include:

- AREVA
- Boeing Company
- Booz Allen & Hamilton
- C.I.A
- Lockheed Martin
- National Security Agency
- Naval Surface Warfare Center
- Newport New Ship Building
- Northrop Grumman
- Pratt and Whitney
- Robert Bosch Corp
- SAIC
- Toyota Manufacturing

For additional information please contact:

Center of Engineering Career Development

Clarence J. (CJ) Livesay, Director

4349822132

livesay@virginia.edu