

SUMMER 2021 CO-OP OPPORTUNITIES

Continuing to recognize the impact of COVID-19 on the current job market, CO-OPS + CAREERS has collaborated with Wentworth Institute of Technology faculty to develop options that allow students to earn full co-op credit, if they are unable to secure a semester-long, full-time co-op opportunity during Summer 2021 only.

CO-OP OPTIONS

The options listed below are in order of recommended consideration. Students eligible for mandatory co-op this summer are encouraged to prioritize finding work that will provide major-specific, real-world experience. However, all options listed below will provide a robust and relevant professional experience designed to satisfy mandatory co-op credit. Your dedicated CO-OP + CAREER Advisor is available and ready to assist you with identifying your best option.

OPTION 1: SECURE A TRADITIONAL FULL-TIME CO-OP IN YOUR INDUSTRY

Secure a full-time co-op opportunity within an industry related to your major before the add/drop deadline of May 19 and with a start date no later than May 24. Search for an opportunity at an external organization, or within Wentworth. Wentworth faculty and staff are offering several co-ops for Summer 2021, found on WITworks. Students in some majors can also directly reach out to faculty for research opportunities. Ask your CO-OP + CAREER Advisor how to do this.

OPTION 2: APPLY FOR A WENTWORTH CREATIVE CO-OP

CO-OPS + CAREERS has collaborated with faculty and staff to develop two full-time creative co-ops for the Summer 2021 semester. Both are described below. You can submit an application on WITworks for one option, Future Lab (Job ID 1000020427), an unpaid, full-time, remote co-op that will include skill building, team collaboration, mentoring, and team-based projects. The other Creative Co-op, Campus Combo, described below, combines two part-time components (CAA and WIT supervised work) for one full-time co-op.

OPTION 3: REQUEST A REVIEW OF YOUR CO-OP 3000 CREDIT

If you are scheduled for a mandatory co-op in Summer 2021 and you have successfully completed CO-OP 3000 (Pre COOP Work Term as listed on Leopardweb) during a previous semester, you may request that this experience be reviewed to determine if it meets the criteria for CO-OP 3500 or 4500 (Mandatory Co-op). If the experience is approved as a substitution for your Summer 2021 mandatory co-op, CO-OP 3000 will satisfy this one mandatory co-op graduation requirement. Please discuss the impact on Financial Aid and student status with your Financial Aid Advisor and Academic Advisor. Send your substitution request via email to beauchamp1@wit.edu and include your Wentworth ID number.

OPTION 4: REQUEST INDUSTRY PROFESSIONAL CREDIT (IPC) FOR RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

If you are scheduled to go out on a mandatory co-op in Summer 2021, and you have prior work experiences related to your major that equal 390 hours, you can submit a COVID IPC form to determine if this prior work meets mandatory co-op criteria. Please discuss the impact on Financial Aid and student status with your Academic Advisor and Financial Aid Advisor. Work with your CO-OP + CAREER Advisor to begin the process. If the COVID IPC is approved it will only be applied to your Summer 2021 mandatory co-op, You can then either enroll in classes or withdraw for the semester.

OPTION 5: ENROLL IN CO-OP 4699 + ENROLL IN ONE OF THE ONLINE CERTIFICATION COURSES APPROVED FOR YOUR MAJOR

If you are still uncertain of your co-op plans by the Summer 2021 Add/Drop deadline of May 19, consider completing the online "COOP4699 Paths Selection" survey before registering for CO-OP 4699. COOP4699 is a less-than-half time, tuition-free option consisting of three components: completion of one online certification course, completion of Career Advancement Activities (CAA) via Brightspace, and potentially securing and completing some work experience related to your major. This option impacts your student status and Financial Aid. Please meet with your CO-OP + CAREER Advisor and Financial Aid Advisor to discuss this option. Please note that significant self-management is needed to successfully complete this option. ***International students and varsity athletes are not eligible to participate in this option, as students who choose this option will not have full-time enrollment status. Students in the School of Computing and Data Science are not allowed to participate.***

SUMMER 2021 WENTWORTH CREATIVE CO-OPS

Consider the following full-time co-ops. Search for Future Lab in WITworks, or find and develop other Wentworth co-op opportunities working with staff and faculty.

FUTURE LAB INNOVATION FELLOW CO-OP

INSTRUCTOR: Sam Maddox, and other adjuncts TBD
MODALITY: Remote
COMPENSATION: Unpaid
CAPACITY: 120
WITworks Job ID: 1000020427

Students will conduct in-depth research around a variety of future scenarios ranging from transportation planning to healthcare services to the future of remote work, organize themselves into teams, and—over the course of the semester—determine and develop one concrete project per team to address issues, opportunities, and gaps within future planning scenarios. In addition to these future scenarios, fellows may have the opportunity to work on the design and development of community-oriented projects in and around Boston. Such projects would be more aligned with the design professions; however, they rely upon collaboration with non-profits in our area. These partnerships are still in development at this time.

Teams will utilize a variety of innovate tools and methodologies, including exploratory and inductive research, stakeholder and community outreach, human-centered design approaches, and data analysis and visualization to expand on and explore these topics. Each team will work regularly with a mentor and connect with faculty and external professionals from industry, neighborhoods, and government entities across diverse disciplines. A significant outcome of FutureLab will be concrete strategies and designs as well as a planned digital publication that can be shared with employers, alumni, and the greater Boston ecosystem.

In general, Future Lab Fellows would be required to be available, 9 am – 12 pm most weekdays, with additional group meetings and work hours agreed upon by each team. This is a full-time co-op and Fellow should be prepared to work a total of 30 hours/week.

Offers will go out on a rolling basis starting on May 3. Offers must be formally accepted and reported on WITworks and registered for on LConnect by noon on May 19, drop/add.

If a Fellow secures an external, paid co-op that starts by July 5, they may follow established protocols and exit Future Lab with no gap between CAA and the work. This option must be approved by Future Lab faculty and the CO-OP + CAREER Advisor.

Majors – Intended for all majors.

CAMPUS COMBO CO-OP

INSTRUCTOR: WIT Faculty or staff, and also CO-OPS + CAREERS
MODALITY: Remote or possibly some portion (the part-time work with Wentworth supervisor) in person
COMPENSATION: Unpaid (or possibly paid if a paid 15 hour a week work opportunity with Wentworth is developed and secured)
CAPACITY: TBD
WITworks Job ID: Student is encouraged to identify work opportunities with Wentworth faculty or staff or apply to part-time postings on WITworks (use search term “Campus Co-op Eligible”).

Campus Combo is a new Creative Co-op for Summer 2021. To earn co-op credit in Campus Combo and to remain in full time enrollment status, the student is committing to **remaining in the two components FOR THE LENGTH OF THE SEMESTER and SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING BOTH COMPONENTS**. No exceptions will be made. Campus Combo combines two part-time components: 1. *minimum* of 15 hours/week of work related to student’s major and supervised by a WIT faculty or staff member; and 2. Career Advancement Activities (CAA), which are asynchronous, online, delivered via Brightspace, and instructed by CO-OPS + CAREERS. **The student is responsible for applying for and securing the 15 hours/week co-op work with a WIT faculty or staff member.** The student may apply for part-time opportunities on WITworks (with WIT as employer, search for *Campus Combo eligible* in WITworks), or students can independently network, identify, and secure a 15 hour/week opportunity with faculty or staff. This is a complex co-op option so students **MUST** consult with their CO-OP + CAREER Advisor to receive approvals before registering.

Majors – Open to most majors, except School of Computing and Data Science