



Knowledge at Work

Since 1919, Drexel University has partnered with some of the biggest names in business, providing generations of students an experience that most universities just can't match. Our co-operative education program, known as Drexel Co-op, is one of the oldest and largest in the nation. From Fortune 500 investment firms to cutting-edge tech startups, there are opportunities here for students from every major and career interest.

As a Drexel student, you'll attend classes full-time during your first year, but you can begin alternating quarters of classroom study with six-month periods of full-time employment as early as sophomore year. That way, you'll graduate with more than a respected degree — you'll also have the résumé of an industry veteran.

With Drexel Co-op, you can:

- Choose from over 1,600 Drexel Co-op employers
- Take a position in one of the 31 states or 17 international locations where employers are located
- Apply classroom knowledge in a professional environment
- Get a head start on your career with up to 18 months of professional experience
- Earn an average of \$14,500 per six-month co-op
- Learn how to network and develop professional contacts
- Explore up to three different fields before graduation

Sample Co-op Job Titles

- Animator
- Computer Systems Analyst
- Flavor Technologist
- Foreign Service Officer
- Newsroom Assistant
- Pharmaceutical Process Engineer
- Photojournalist
- Plant Tissue Culture Laboratory Assistant
- Product Development Engineer
- Space Planner
- Special Education Teacher
- Sports Writer
- Strategic Marketing Assistant

To put it simply, Drexel Co-op isn't an internship, it's the chance to audition a career, and a good part of the time co-op students are offered full-time positions after graduation.

Peter Franks



Executive Director and Associate Vice Provost, Steinbright Career Development Center

BA, MEd, Northeastern University

What's new in Drexel Co-op

"We're expanding our international co-op program, which is great for students who have an interest in enhancing their experiences in this way and are open to learning about a new culture."

Favorite thing about working with students

"I always enjoy watching students evolve and mature from their Drexel Co-op experiences, and develop skills that they will utilize for their entire professional lives."

My co-op experience

"As an undergrad I'd decided I wanted to run for an elected office someday, so for my first co-op I worked in a mayor's office in suburban Boston. I knew right away that day-to-day politics was not for me. For my next two co-ops I worked in the administrative offices at Northeastern and discovered that I really enjoyed working with students and with the co-op program, and I have built my career around that. I am a co-op success story!"

What You Can Earn

Drexel Co-op students are on the job eight hours a day, five days a week. You'll be performing a real job with real responsibilities, and your paycheck will reflect just that.

Average Six-Month Co-op Earnings By College/School*

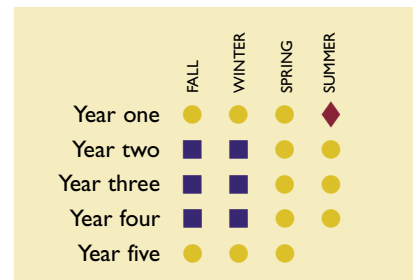
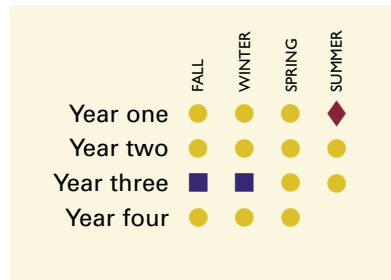
Arts and Sciences	\$13,598
Biomedical Engineering, Science, and Health Systems	\$15,990
Business.....	\$14,300
Education	\$8,424
Engineering.....	\$16,510
Information Science and Technology	\$17,082
Media Arts & Design	\$11,700
Nursing and Health Professions	\$13,468
Professional Studies	\$12,584

**Does not include volunteer co-op positions or co-op students receiving stipends.*

The Drexel Co-op Cycle

You'll begin co-op in your second or third year, depending on your program, and you can participate in up to three Drexel Co-op experiences before graduation. The chart below represents a fall/winter co-op cycle; a spring/summer co-op cycle is also available.

One Co-op Option (Four Years) Three Co-op Option (Five Years)



Co-op Cycle Key:

● On-campus study ■ Co-op experience ◆ Vacation





Chris Danauskas '07



Mechanical Engineering
Warrington, Pennsylvania

Clubs and organizations

- American Society of Mechanical Engineers
- Drexel Student Ambassadors

Favorite pastimes

- Biking
- Skiing
- Photography
- Watching the Philadelphia Eagles

Co-op employers

- DuPont
- Pratt & Whitney

Best thing about Drexel Co-op

"Drexel Co-op allowed me to realize what I wanted to pursue as a career — process engineering — after graduation."

After graduation

"While I was still a senior, I secured a job with Hess Oil in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands. It's exactly what I wanted to do after graduation and the location is amazing."

Where You Can Work

More than 80 percent of Drexel Co-op students accepted positions within the tri-state area (Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware), and for good reason — the region is a major hub for a wide range of industries.

However, there's plenty of opportunity to expand your horizons, whether you want to cross the country or the ocean.

Philadelphia: The City as Campus

Drexel's University City Main Campus is located in the University City district of Philadelphia. Conveniently situated next to Amtrak's 30th Street Station, commuting to co-op locations couldn't be easier. Whether you accept a co-op position in Philadelphia, Baltimore, or New York, you can get there by foot, bus, subway, or rail.

As the second largest city on the East Coast, Philadelphia is a popular region in which to live and work. Nearly three million people are employed in the metro area, with the largest industries being information technology, finance and banking, chemical, and the life sciences. Below is just a sampling of the Philadelphia-based companies where Drexel students have worked:

- Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
- Comcast Corporation
- GlaxoSmithKline
- Lockheed Martin Corporation
- Philadelphia School District
- Sunoco, Inc.

International Co-op: A Global Perspective

Drexel recognizes the importance of international experience. While we've always offered students the means to study abroad, Drexel has launched a strategic initiative to provide co-op students the opportunity to work abroad as well.

Drexel Co-op abroad can provide you with a distinct advantage in the global economy. By living and working in another country, you'll broaden your cultural perspective and gain insight on the interdependency of national economies. In addition to opportunities in 17 international locations, Drexel offers financial support for students who accept positions in:

- China
- Greece
- India
- Ireland
- Israel
- Italy
- Japan

Co-op Numbers

- 1,600 employers located in 31 states and 17 international locations
- 3,936 total co-op students employed

Top Co-op Employers

- Ace USA
- Arkema Inc.
- BlackRock
- Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
- Comcast Corporation
- Drexel University*
- E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company
- GlaxoSmithKline
- Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
- Johnson & Johnson
- Lockheed Martin Corporation
- Merck & Co., Inc.
- Microsoft Corporation
- PECO Energy
- Pennoni Associates, Inc.
- Philadelphia Housing Authority
- Philadelphia School District
- PJM Interconnection LLC
- Rohm and Haas Company
- SAP America
- Siemens Corporation
- Sunoco, Inc.
- Susquehanna International Group LLC
- Synthes
- Thomas Jefferson University Hospital
- Traffic Planning and Design, Inc.
- UNISYS Corporation
- University of Pennsylvania
- Wyeth Pharmaceuticals

*Drexel hires mostly research-related co-op students.

The Financial Value of Co-op

A college education is a major investment. Drexel Co-op can help you get a better return by providing sources of income and professional work experience. Drexel graduates typically receive a higher starting salary because of their co-op experience. For more information on how Drexel Co-op can help you financially, visit www.drexel.edu/em/ug/coop.

Financial Aid and Scholarships

Visit www.drexel.edu/financialaid to learn more about the financial aid process. For specific information about loan programs, grants, and scholarships, call 1-877-DREXEL-5 to speak with a representative from EdFinancial Services. This company provides a call center with trained staff employed by EdFinancial Services. They are required to give all students independent, expert advice about paying for a college education.

To contact a representative from Drexel's Student Resource Center/Financial Aid office, visit <http://ask.drexel.edu>.

Visit Us

The best way to learn about Drexel is to visit campus. We offer a variety of convenient options. For more information on the programs below or to receive a schedule of upcoming events, visit www.drexel.edu/em/events or call 1-800-2-DREXEL (1-215-895-2400 for international students).

- **Open Houses:** Perfect for students who want to discover everything Drexel has to offer. Held on Sundays in the fall and spring, Open Houses are large-scale campus experiences that offer information about academics, Drexel Co-op, student activities, and campus life.
- **Experience Drexel Days:** Perfect for students who want a broad overview of Drexel's offerings. Held on weekdays, Experience Drexel Days offer a glimpse of life at Drexel, with Information Sessions, activities with current students, and tours of campus.
- **Campus Visits:** Perfect for students who want a more intimate view of Drexel. Campus Visits are half-day experiences held on weekdays and Saturday mornings. The Campus Visit includes an Information Session and a tour of campus.

Apply

Apply to Drexel University online at www.drexel.edu/apply. The application fee is waived for students who apply online or during a campus visit.

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