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The Centre for Environment
& Sustainability



We invite you to participate in our Summer Co-op Program for the Masters in Environment & Sustainability at Western

The Program:

The Master's in Environment and Sustainability (MES) program creates graduates that can work on interdisciplinary teams and who can take leadership in solving the challenges posed by societal changes related to the environment and ecological demands.

The program is designed to focus and develop the intellectual and practical skills for the application and advancement of environmental sciences and sustainability in scientific, business, industrial and policy sectors. The program is designed for students who have sufficient formal education at the undergraduate and possibly graduate level and/or work experience. With this depth of knowledge, students in the program seek to better understand the interdisciplinary and complex nature of environmental programs through course work, professional development workshops, and job skills. A consulting project challenges students with the complex nature of a specific project on the environment or sustainability – from inception through analysis, documentation, and presentation.

Courses Include:

Core courses: Sustainable Business Practices, Interdisciplinary Consulting, Ecosystem Health, Engineering Solutions, Planning and Management. **Workshops:** Environmental Legislation and Certification, Life Cycle Assessment, Green Buildings.

The Co-op:

The summer co-op program allows students to utilize their extensive knowledge base following two intensive academic terms of the MES program. Students are required to complete a minimum of 500 hours of mentored work over the course of the summer in a full-time capacity for approximately 16 weeks.

Past co-op students have contributed to:

Sustainability Planning, Corporate Social Responsibility, Conservation of Natural Resources, Communications and Outreach, Environmental Management and Legislation

Why Participate:

Students have proven to be a reliable, responsible and cost effective solution for many employers seeking help with their environmental projects. MES students are innovative, mature, and passionate and possess current knowledge and fresh thinking. The co-op can offer a multitude of benefits to employers including the Ontario Co-operative Education Tax Credit that can reimburse an employer up to \$3000.00 for expenses incurred related to the co-op.

To view some of the organizations that have participated in the past, go to:

http://bit.ly/MES_Organizations_Past_Participants

MES Co-op FAQ's:

- The co-op occurs over the summer and dates are flexible between May-August of 2018.
- Students must work a minimum of 500 hours to complete the requirements for graduation from the MES program. Students can work more hours where applicable and agreed upon.
- Create a job description which will be advertised to MES students (<https://westerncareercentral.ca>) then interview and select those who you are interested in.
- Students will relocate and most expect to. Some students travel far to participate in the program.
- The co-op work term is the final requirement for graduation; students are not returning to studies in the Fall. This can be beneficial to employers who are looking at long-term hiring potential.
- Students in the MES program come from a variety of backgrounds including Science, Engineering, Business, Social Science, Health Science, Education, and Arts and Humanities. They learn together and transfer that interdisciplinary depth to the workplace.

Deadlines

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| Posting Deadline (round 1) | January 26, 2018 |
| Interviews | January 29 to March 2, 2018 |
| Student Rankings Due | March 2, 2018 |
| Offer Day for Students | March 6, 2018 |
| 2nd Round of Recruitment | Continuous from March 6, 2018 onwards |

What employers are saying:

“Very organized and supportive of making a meaningful relationship and experience for both student and employer. The right balance of guidance and freedom so that the student and employer have the flexibility to structure the placement to ensure a mutually beneficial outcome.” **Sonya D’Cunha, Knowlton Development Corporation**

“We have been most impressed with how easy the process to hire a student has been and the quality of the individual we have hired.” **Michele Rich, The Environment Network**

“Excellent opportunity to connect theory into practice; valuable work experience for student and valuable, skilled and enthusiastic resource for employers.” **Gavin Maher, Infrastructure Ontario**

How to Get Started:

Contact: Allison McInnis, MES Co-op Advisor
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Or visit <https://westerncareercentral.ca> to create an employer account and post a job!

