

WESTERN SCIENCE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

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Program Description

The Science Internship Program is a cooperative education opportunity for undergraduate Science/Basic Medical Science students. The program will facilitate paid and career-related placements for qualified students who will work full-time for a term ranging from eight to 16 months, following the third year of study. As with a traditional co-op degree, graduation is delayed by one year while the student acquires marketable skills and work experience.

Internship placement opportunities may be available in the private, public and not-for-profit sectors. The total number of placements per year will vary with the required competencies and experiences available being highly dependent on the individual needs of participating employers.

Range of Internship Focus

- Research and Development
- Quality Assurance
- Field Work
- Scaling up and Product Development
- Management Systems Support

Advantages

Whether you are trying on a career for size or establishing a competitive edge, a Science internship will allow you to:

- Acquire expert assistance in developing long-term career goals
- Obtain first-hand knowledge of available career options
- Experience the process of accessing the job market
- Gain paid work experience
- Take advantage of mentorship opportunities
- **Develop marketable skills**
- Build your professional network
- Secure career-relevant references
- Leverage potential to secure full-time employment upon graduation

- Work on business teams
- Apply analytical skills to solve a variety of problems
- Enhance practical project management proficiency
- Practice professional communication in the workplace
- Network with industry



"Enrolling in the Western Science Internship Program was probably one of the best decisions I made in my undergrad. It gave me much-needed work experience, a network of contacts for when I graduate and a taste for what a career in science is really like."

– Ryan Vanderkuk, Medical Sciences

Student Eligibility

Students applying for internship employment must:

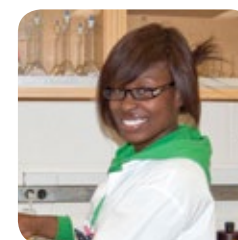
- Have a minimum 70% average and be in good standing with their home department
- Exhibit strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Enrol in the internship program at the beginning of third year at westerncareercentral.ca
- Once eligibility is confirmed, participate in Science 3391

"As someone who excels better in a hands-on environment, my placement showed me the real-world uses of what I learned in school."

– Piruthuvi Thurairajah,
Environmental Science

Important Dates to Remember

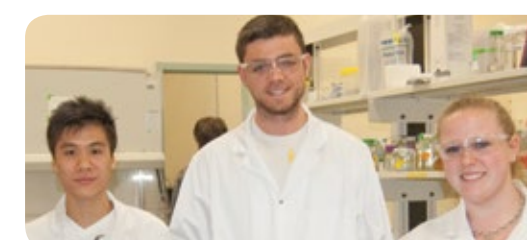
EVENT	2014				2015								
	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT
Registration													
Approval													
Preparatory Workshops													
Hiring Process: Job Posting – Applications-Interviews													
Students begin job													



"Interns bring us a fresh perspective and creative energy which is contagious!"
– 3M Canada



"Western interns are consistently professional, dedicated and productive. They are an indispensable part of our research team."
– Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada



"The Western Science Internship Program provides us with intelligent, energetic and highly motivated young people who are eager to learn and make meaningful contributions to our organization's success."
– Chemtura Canada

This could be **you!**

