

# Co-op Program Quick Application Guide



## DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A CO-OP SCHOLAR?

### IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT THE MARKS! CO-OP SCHOLARS:

- make a significant contribution to school or community
- show initiative and leadership
- communicate well and enjoy working with other people
- want to be active within the university/Co-op community
- have a real and genuine interest in a career in industry or a government enterprise in their chosen program
- care about what is happening in the community, country and the world at large

The Co-op Program presents scholars with unique experiences to learn and grow. This program is for students who thrive on challenges, appreciate the opportunities presented to them, make the most of every situation and commit to seeing things through to the end.

If this sounds like you, and you are an Australian or NZ citizen or permanent resident we strongly encourage you to apply.

### ATAR REQUIREMENT

For a 2019 high school leaver entering the program the minimum academic requirement is an ATAR of 96 (or equivalent), **OR** entry into the chosen degree program at UNSW, whichever is the higher. **No adjustment factors (except EAS) will be considered for this requirement.** Anyone expecting an ATAR above 90 should consider applying because you could be pleasantly surprised by your results. If taking a gap year, students need to reapply in 2020 and meet 2021 entry requirements.

### UAC CODES

To accept a Co-op Scholarship you will need to ensure that you gain entry into the corresponding single degree program (e.g. entry into the Bachelor of Actuarial Studies (Co-op) is required for an offer in the Co-op Actuarial Studies Program), check the website for UAC codes. You will not be able to accept your scholarship through the flexible first year engineering program or a combined degree program.

### DOUBLE MAJORS AND DUAL DEGREES

Many double majors are possible under the Co-op Program, however, if during your studies you wish to

explore undertaking a dual degree, you can discuss the possibility with the Co-op team. If you can demonstrate strong academic achievement, fulfil all Co-op Scholarship requirements and gain sponsors' approval, it may be possible to undertake a dual degree whilst keeping a Co-op Scholarship. Please note that dual degrees with Law cannot be studied under the Co-op Program due to conflicts with the placement schedule.

### ARE THERE OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED AT UNSW?

A range of UNSW scholarships are available to students from first year and right through their university career. To identify scholarships relevant to you, go to [scholarships.unsw.edu.au](https://scholarships.unsw.edu.au) and use the search function to find a scholarship in your area of interest or that matches your circumstances.

Applications for UNSW Co-op Program open online at [coop.unsw.edu.au](https://coop.unsw.edu.au) in May and close 30th September. Most other high school leaver scholarships open in June. Please note Rural Engineering scholarship applications are no longer via the Co-op application portal.

# CO-OP KEY DATES FOR 2019



N.B. Conditional offers will be released online the week prior to ATAR release date in NSW.

Go online for detailed program information, study schedules, sponsor lists and FAQs at [coop.unsw.edu.au](http://coop.unsw.edu.au)

## THE CO-OP PROGRAM WANTS TO GET TO KNOW YOU:

For your Co-op application you can select up to three programs, but only select programs you have a serious interest in studying. Explain what it is that most attracts you to the UNSW Co-op Program and the academic field(s) that you have chosen.

### PART 1 – ONLINE APPLICATION QUESTIONS

We want to hear about your **co-curricular activities (1)** and **the most important things you gained or learned from these activities (2)**.

Tell us about your **personal development (3)** – What do you regard as your key strengths and real areas for improvement?

Use a situation that highlights your **leadership and team work (4)** then draw on your experiences and talk about your **decision making or problem solving (5)**. Describe a **significant achievement or project (6)**, that showcases your creativity/adaptability/originality. Tell us where you see yourself **after graduation (7)** and **why you should be selected as a UNSW Co-op Program scholar (8)**.

### NEW PART 2 – VIDEO SNAPSHOT

As required when applying for a professional role, this year you also need to submit a short video to introduce yourself and tell us something interesting, unusual, unique or different about you to expand on your written application. An invitation with your personal Vieple log in will be sent to all registered students at the end of August. If you register after August you will receive the invitation within a week of registration. You must complete your video to be considered for interview.

### PART 3 – SCHOOLS ASSESSMENT PAGE

You will nominate your Careers Adviser or Year Level Coordinator to complete your Schools Assessment Page (SAP) within your online application. To give your teacher plenty of time, nominate as soon as you register!

**For all questions** you should note and observe the character limits indicated in the system. Responses that are longer than the stipulated limit will not be recorded.

**Register now to access the online application and questions.**

## PROGRAMS\*

### BUSINESS

Accounting & Business Management  
Actuarial Studies  
Business Information Systems  
Commerce Information Systems  
Finance & Banking  
Marketing

### SCIENCE

Advanced Mathematics  
Data Science & Decisions  
Materials Science & Engineering

### ENGINEERING

Chemical Engineering  
Chemical Products Engineering  
Civil & Environmental Engineering  
Computer Science  
Electrical Engineering  
Mechanical Engineering  
Mining Engineering  
Petroleum Engineering  
Photovoltaics & Renewable Energy  
Software Engineering



\* Not all programs offered every year. Interviews will only be offered for a stream once sponsorship is confirmed.