Prerequisites
1. Full-time student in the College of Engineering at Colorado State University.
2. Minimum GPA of 2.0 and must be in good academic standing.
3. Minimum of 45 completed credits toward an engineering degree.
4. Available to work at least three semesters, two of which are fall or spring, and typically with the same employer.

Timeline for First Co-op Rotation
1. Submit Co-op Application by October 1 for spring rotation or March 1 for fall rotation.
2. Attend orientation sessions and meet with advisor by October 15/March 15.
3. Participate in co-op selection interview process the last week of October/March.
4. Begin the co-op rotation no later than the first day of classes in the appropriate semester.
5. Complete the rotation no later than the first day of classes in the next academic semester.
6. Return employer evaluations and work experience reports no later than one month into the next academic semester.

Why Co-op?
1. Earn wages from co-op and help offset tuition and fees with without negative impact on financial aid.
2. Gain valuable engineering experience while exploring your chosen engineering discipline.
3. Develop a powerful resume and improve the likelihood of being offered a permanent position upon graduation.
4. Experience the “real world” as an engineer and develop a professional network.
5. Apply real engineering experiences back in the classroom.
6. Develop greater understanding of the professional workplace.

Co-op vs. Internship

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<th>Co-op</th>
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<td>At least three work terms, alternating with academic terms</td>
<td>Usually only one summer, about 12 weeks</td>
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<td>Begin work after 3 semesters of engineering courses</td>
<td>Positions generally available for Juniors or Seniors</td>
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<td>Because of rotations, opportunities available in different assignments</td>
<td>Generally limited to one area of responsibility</td>
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<td>Gain up to 3 credits that can be used as a technical elective</td>
<td>Not credit bearing</td>
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<td>5-year degree program with at least one year of work experience</td>
<td>No impact on class schedule</td>
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Cooperative Education Program Requirements

1. Complete and submit a signed application to Co-op Program Coordinator.
2. Complete a Semester Planning Worksheet signed by the appropriate academic advisor.
3. Complete a Co-op Rotation Schedule for coordinator and employer use.
4. Meet with the Co-op Program Coordinator to review worksheets and schedule. File signed copies with the Engineering Success Center.
5. Attend the required Co-op Program orientation sessions.
6. Actively work with the Co-op Program Coordinator to develop a resume, identify employers, complete applications, and interview. Participate in the co-op selection interview process, when applicable.
7. Complete a Co-op Student Agreement and submit to the Engineering Success Center along with a copy of your employment contract/letter.
8. Meet with Student Financial Services to review scholarships, grants, and loan requirements, if applicable.
9. Register for one credit hour of Engineering Cooperative Experience and pay the associated tuition and fees each work semester to guarantee full-time enrollment for financial aid purposes. Co-op credits will count toward a technical elective in your major.
10. Return employer evaluations each work semester by deadlines along with a student work experience report to the Co-op Program Coordinator to receive a grade of satisfactory.
11. Prior to returning to school, discuss future rotation or graduation date with employer.
12. Upon returning to school, schedule a meeting with the Co-op Program Coordinator to review work rotation and plan for future semester.

Max Beard
Mechanical Engineering Student
"At the Lubrizol Corporation, I worked hands-on in engine test operations, worked directly with engineers on relevant projects, and gained valuable insight into the automotive, oil, and chemical industries. I was able to make connections between classroom concepts and real-world applications. My opinions were valued and I had the opportunity to make a difference in the company as a co-op student."

Julia Taussig
Chemical and Biological Engineering Student
"I completed my first co-op term and was really surprised by how much responsibility I had right away. I worked at Dow Chemical and focused on health and safety projects, including wastewater and air."

Francisco Martinez
Mechanical Engineering Student
"The people that I worked with at Wolf Robotics were always willing to share their knowledge and experience. I would go through the program again in a heartbeat. I definitely recommend it."

Olivia Ferrell
Civil Engineering Student
"Working with the Federal Highway Administration, I grew as an engineer by learning about construction, road design, and management. I was able to see two projects from the beginning of construction to the end (a rarity for summer internships) and did design work as well."

Typical Co-op Rotation Schedule
Schedules are customized to meet each student’s individual needs.