Co-operative Placements

2026 Student Information

Frequently asked questions (FAQs)	
How long is a Co-op placement?	Undergraduate Co-op placement: 60 days/450 hours Postgraduate Co-op placement: 30 days/225 hours Placements can be undertaken on a full-time or part-time basis based on Co-op placement employer requirements.
Do I get academic credit for completing a Co-op placement?	Yes. All successfully completed Co-op placements contribute to a unit grade and academic credit. Please refer to your course structure for further details.
When can I do a Co-op placement?	Co-op placements are typically undertaken after a student has completed their first year of study, and once the pre-requisites have been met. Please refer to your study plan.
Are Co-op placements paid?	Yes. Payment will be at or above the minimum award rate for the industry. The compensation will be disclosed in the opportunity advertisement on the InPlace, student placement system and discussed at the interview.
Do I need to do a Co-op placement?	Co-op placements are mandatory in Co-op courses. Please refer to your study plan for additional information.
What are the benefits of a Co-op placement?	Co-op placement allows you to gain experience in a professional workplace in your chosen field and build your industry network. It provides opportunities to grow your transferable and industry-specific skills while getting paid to engage in meaningful employment.
Which organisations host Co-op placements?	We have an ever-growing list of Co-operative partners in a variety of sectors across the local community and global industry.
Where can I find the list of available Co-op placements?	As Co-op placements become available, they are advertised on InPlace. If you are enrolled in a Co-op course, you will have access to this portal. Students are encouraged to regularly monitor the portal for opportunities.
How do I apply for Co-op placements?	Submit your resume and cover letter as you would for any employment opportunity. Many placement opportunities attract strong interest, so be prepared for a competitive selection process. Apply for these Co-op placement opportunities via InPlace.
Are there any costs for me to participate in a Co-op placement?	Unit fees apply; further details can be found here. There may also be additional associated costs (e.g. pre-requisite documentation such as a Police check, WWCC, White card, and vaccinations etc.).
How do I enrol in the Co-op placement unit?	Students can self-enrol in a Co-op placement unit once pre-requisites are met.
What happens if I am unsuccessful in obtaining a Co-op placement?	Seek feedback on why your application was unsuccessful. Work with the FedUni Careers and Employability team to make improvements to your next application e.g.: resume, cover letter, interview techniques and career readiness. Remember, keep applying as opportunities appear on InPlace until you are successful in securing a placement.
What happens once I am successful with a Co-op application?	After being advised of your selection, you will receive an offer of employment. Once accepted, you will be inducted and onboarded as an employee with the organisation where you will undertake placement.

Can I self-source my own Co-op placement?	If you are already employed in a role that you feel is directly related to your studies, please contact the Co-op placement team as it may be possible to undertake your placement with your current employer as part of your current role. All Co-op placements require academic approval by FedUni Course Coordinators prior to a student commencing. Please contact the Co-op placement team for further details.
Are Co-op placements onsite or online?	This will differ for each placement based on industry requirements. The opportunity advertisement will provide an indication of the expected work model.
Will Co-op placement payment be considered income and impact my Centrelink benefits?	You will undertake your placement as an employee of the organisation and will be paid accordingly. Please contact Centrelink to find out what impact this paid placement may have on your Centrelink benefits.
I am an international student. Can I complete a Co-op placement?	Absolutely! If Co-op placement is a compulsory component of your course, it will not affect your work rights. Please be mindful of your CoE and visa conditions as you will need to have completed your Co-op placement hours by your CoE end date. Please contact the International Student Advisory for more information.
How will I fit this in with my other academic requirements, work, and personal responsibilities?	This will depend on your study plan, personal circumstances, and the timing and mode of your placement. Remember, Co-op placement is a compulsory unit required in your course and will need to take priority in your planning.
What Co-op options are available to me as an online/interstate student?	Co-op placements are not specific or limited to campus-based students or locations. Please review the opportunities available on InPlace.
I have a Learning Access Plan (LAP). How will the Co-op placement employer support me?	You are encouraged to disclose whatever you believe will impact the Co-op placement and workload required. If you require special consideration or additional support to undertake a Co-op placement, please seek guidance from the FedUni Accessibility Services or the Co-op placement team. FedUni and our partners are committed to supporting students in a successful placement experience.
Are there any academic expectations while on placement?	Yes, Co-op placement is part of your academic study. You will be required to complete the placement hours and unit assessment tasks as per the unit outline. Information can be found in the appropriate Moodle shell.
What support will be available to me while on placement?	You will have a Workplace Supervisor to guide your work and support you day-to-day in the workplace. You will also be assigned a FedUni Academic Supervisor to answer any questions regarding the academic requirements of the placement/unit. All other questions can be directed to the Co-op placement team.
Are there any accommodation options available?	Yes. If you are seeking accommodation near your placement, Fedliving has preferential rates for students at Berwick, Mt. Helen and Gippsland campuses. Please note that availability may be limited, so it is recommended to book as soon as possible.

Please contact the Co-op placement team with any questions:

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