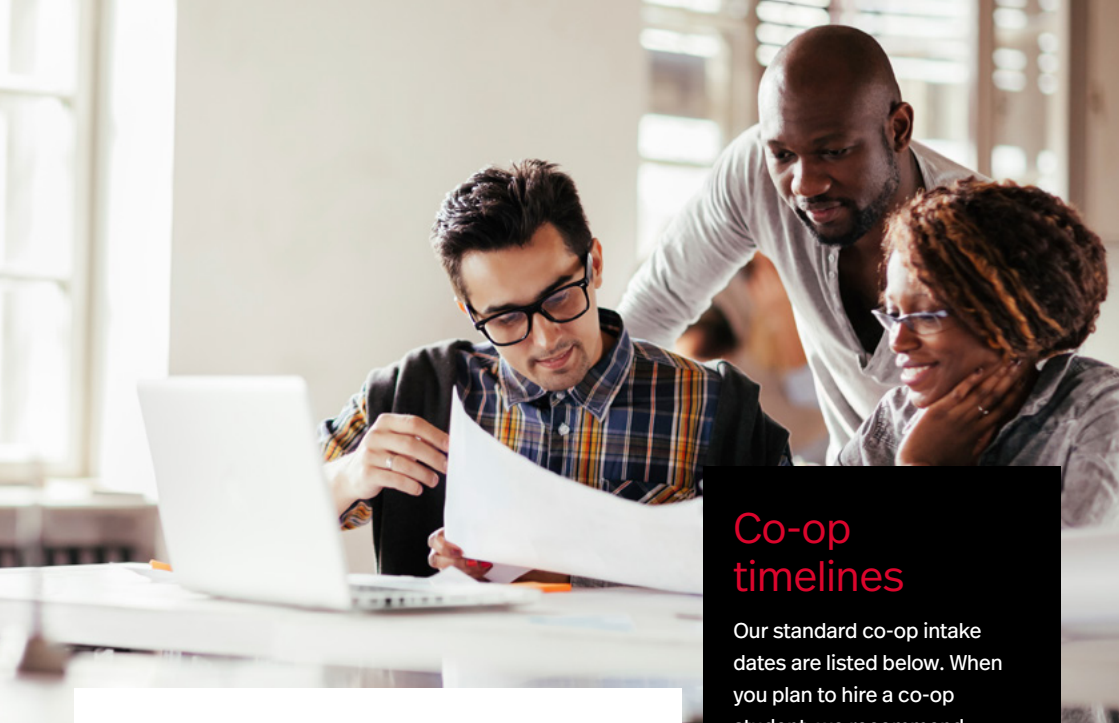




Cooperative Education (Co-ops)

An employer's guide to short-term
work placements



About Co-ops

Cooperative education (co-op) is a signature programme of Northeastern's global university network, central to its commitment to engaging with the world.

Co-ops are short-term paid work placements, typically lasting 4-6 months, that enable students to apply academic principles to workplace challenges while you gain exceptional talent to meet your organisation's needs. They are designed to be flexible and to maximise benefits to organisations. They support students as innovative problem solvers, while offering you a competitive edge.

We have a team of dedicated partnership professionals who are excellently placed to support you with developing a placement tailored to your context, and maximise the impact of this opportunity by taking advantage of the full range of collaborative opportunities the university offers.

Co-op timelines

Our standard co-op intake dates are listed below. When you plan to hire a co-op student, we recommend planning at least three months in advance. This allows time to promote the vacancy, for students to apply and for you to complete the recruitment and selection processes.

6 month placements

January – June

June – December

4 month placements

May – August



Partnering with Northeastern University London

Benefits to your organisation

Immediate access to highly-talented resource

Our responsive recruitment means you can go from resourcing need to having a student in place in three months, sometimes less.

Our degree programmes are highly selective and students complete at least a year-and-a-half of world class study, and a sector-aligned preparatory course, before joining your organisation, making this an exceptional talent pool.

As we are a global network, we can even accommodate placements internationally – supporting your organisation wherever it operates.

Flexible commitment & streamlined recruitment

With multiple annual hiring points, different placement durations and options for part-time placements, this is a truly flexible solution.

You can commit short-term or to rolling placements, which you can pause and restart at any time.

Our team will ensure your vacancy is highly-visible by advertising on our placement platform, with options to engage students on campus, at virtual careers events or through our wide-ranging digital channels. From there you have the freedom to select the student that is right for you, completing your own application and recruitment process accordingly.

A dedicated support team

Our specialist team will help you make the most of co-ops. This includes a dedicated advisor to support the student and their line manager for the duration of the placement, and an account manager to help you make the most of Northeastern University London's rich opportunities, from collaborative research and impact challenges to industry events and higher and degree apprenticeships.

Sustainable recruitment pathway

With options for rolling placements, co-ops can provide consistent resource within your team. On graduation, many students progress to work with their former co-op employers, making this a great opportunity to engage early with our sought-after graduate pool.



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For internships/
co-ops*

3,000

Co-op employer
partnerships

11,000

Student
placements taking
place each year

* U.S. News and World Report 2024

For further information

We'd love to discuss how co-ops could work for your organisation.

Email partnerships@nulondon.ac.uk with any questions or to book a personal consultation.

Alternatively, scan the QR code to register your interest and a member of the team will be in touch.



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