



THE NEED FOR CO-OP SUPPORT

PREPARING STUDENTS FOR AN AI-DRIVEN WORKFORCE

Northeastern's experiential learning model—powered by co-op—shapes students who are resilient, relevant, and ready to take on AI. However, while most of the university's 3,500 co-op employers around the world pay students a salary, some worthy organizations—startup companies, public service agencies, and nonprofit organizations, to name a few—are unable to offer full, or even any, salaries.

Your support for co-op can open doors to the most meaningful and challenging experiences a student can have, positioning them ahead of the pack in a rapidly evolving AI-driven world. Philanthropy for co-op enables students to take on opportunities they may have otherwise missed, preparing them to flourish in their careers and lives.

SPECIAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Startup co-ops. Entrepreneurship is a hallmark of the Northeastern ethos. By working alongside the founders of fledgling companies like 88 Acres and New Grounds Food, students learn how a business is born and nurtured. Students may also take a co-op to hone and launch their own companies, like Pickasound or Tatum Robotics. Or, they might pursue a co-op at the Sherman Center for Engineering Entrepreneurship Education, focusing solely on developing their own ventures for a six-month co-op period. Your gifts make immersive co-ops like these feasible by paying student salaries.

Research co-ops. Students eager to create new knowledge have abundant research co-ops to choose from—from studying rising ocean temperatures in Antarctica to conducting behavioral neuroscience research at Children's Hospital of Costa Rica. You can help them hone a passion for discovery in the sciences and humanities with gifts that supplement modest stipends.

International co-ops. Growing numbers of students are eager to work and study abroad, but some are discouraged by high travel and living costs. With your support, international experiences will help more students explore other lands, languages, and cultures while becoming true global citizens.

Public service co-ops. Co-ops enable students to serve and shape society, help those in need, and implement solutions to pressing issues. Northeastern students are making their mark in all sectors—from the White House to the Scottish Parliament, from the Museum of Fine Arts Boston to National Geographic. You can help us continue to fund these transformational experiences.



“As a Public Interest Law Scholar, financial support for my unpaid co-ops makes a tremendous impact on my ability to apply myself to the fullest extent possible, rather than having to juggle several part-time jobs in addition to my full-time co-op schedule.”

**Marissa Grenon,
School of Law**

MEASURES OF OUR MOMENTUM

13,934} co-op placements

3,857} co-op employers worldwide

149} countries where Northeastern has provided experiential learning opportunities

EXPERIENCE MATTERS

For more than 125 years, Northeastern has been at the vanguard of experiential learning, meeting the dynamic needs of society's workforces while preparing the next generation of leaders. To amplify our impact, we are doubling down in four key areas of experiential education: student research, global mobility programs, entrepreneurship opportunities, and our industry-leading co-op model.

As a member of our global community who has participated firsthand in shaping our mission, your support is essential for helping us chart the way forward in ensuring Northeastern's students continue to thrive and excel.



"I'm working on co-op with Puma in their U.S. office. Navigating the global supply chain has taught me how to think my way out of sticky situations. I do work that actually matters in the company, and it's definitely helped me grow."

Sakshi Agarwal, D'Amore-McKim School of Business

"I really want to be an inventor—that's what I've been saying my entire life. I'm working on co-op at NASA, and I help design the electrical system airflow and sensing for a spacecraft. I get to apply all the concepts that I learned at my previous co-op, and at Northeastern. Knowing this system will be in space at some point soon, I feel so lucky to be involved with that."

Jonah Saunders,
College of Engineering

WHY SUPPORT CO-OP AT NORTHEASTERN?

Experience is our ultimate human advantage. Through co-op, Northeastern fully integrates experience in the educational model, shaping students who wield their own human powers to harness AI and benefit from its strengths.

Gifts for co-ops do far more than help meet students' bottom line: They recognize potential, reward achievement, and attract a student body that rises to meet society's most pressing challenges. As our students move, with your help, from the classroom to the workplace, they gain a nuanced view of the world and their ability to shape it. Your investment in cooperative education at Northeastern will benefit a new generation—and through it, our shared future.

THE NORTHEASTERN ADVANTAGE

93%} of graduates are employed full time or in graduate school within nine months of graduation

92%} of employed graduates are in jobs related to their major

1st} national ranking for internships, U.S. News & World Report (2026)