

UCR | Mechanical Engineering

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION (CO-OP)

The Department of Mechanical Engineering (ME) Co-Op Program offers an immersive work experience for corporate partners and students to supplement education with real-world experience. Through the program, students are employed full-time by a company for up to five months, including summer and one academic quarter. For the pilot program **(Summer and Fall Quarter CY 2020)**, ME will select a cadre of exceptional juniors and seniors to compete for Co-Op opportunities with partner companies.

GENERAL TIMELINE

- Dec 2019** Co-Op job descriptions received
- Jan 2020** Descriptions posted to pre-screened students and students apply to partner companies
- Feb - Mar 2020** ... Student recruitment and interviews, offers extended
- Apr - Jun 2020** ... Selected students register for 1st summer (Jun/Jul)
- Aug - Dec 2020** ... Duration of Co-Op

EMPLOYER QUALIFICATIONS

1. Have paid, full-time Co-Op positions with engineering projects for students
2. Follow local, state, and federal laws and provide full-time students with the minimum required benefits based on their eligibility
3. Assign on-site mentor for Co-Op student(s) and liaison with faculty advisor

BENEFITS

Employers

- Early access to top performing students
- Opportunity to observe students before making the commitment of a permanent hire
- Convenience of an organized, university-based Co-Op Program to line up student engineers to interview
- Opportunity to train individuals in your tailored methods
- Advertisement for your company to all ME students
- Opportunity to be involved in the educational process of future engineers

Students

- Valuable hands-on experience in the student's field of interest
- Application of classroom theory
- Exploration of career options and goals
- Networking with top engineering companies and industry professionals
- Development of social skills
- Financial support from Co-Op employment earnings for college education

