

Eligibility Requirements

- 2nd semester junior or first semester senior and must have completed 48 credit hours
- Must find a Computer Science or engineering-related position that is 6-8 months in duration
- Accepted into a Hajim School major



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"The industry practicum experience provided me valuable real-life experience I would never have gotten in the labs or the classroom. I was better prepared to enter the workforce and now as a hiring manager, I see it as a competitive advantage when evaluating candidates." Tyler Brown, 1999

Industry Practicum Co-Op Program

An opportunity for Hajim School students to integrate education with paid experience before graduation



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What is the “Industry Practicum Co-Op Program”?

When looking for employment, students have discovered that employers increasingly demand significant practical work experience in addition to sound academic knowledge. The *optional* eight-month Industry Practicum Co-Op Program at the University of Rochester provides an opportunity for students to enhance their education by integrating their engineering and computer science knowledge with workplace practice. Industry Practicum Co-Op positions are paid, full-time positions, developed by employers, that allow students to complete eight months of quality work experience directly related to their field of study.

The students' academic and Industry Practicum Co-Op experiences combine to produce a comprehensive learning experience that enriches their academic programs and adds direction to their career development. Participation in the Industry Practicum program helps students to make intelligent, informed, reality-based career choices for the future.

“The impact on my career was immense. I was able to build a bridge between what I learned in school and different job aspects of [Electrical Engineering] in the industry. I was also able to learn time and resource management as well as team work while doing my industry practicum”
Mukul Seth, 2001

How do students obtain an Industry Practicum Co-Op position?

- Use the Career Center for help with job searching and résumé building.
- Resources such as RCAN, LinkedIn and other personal connections such as professors are helpful.
- There are no guarantees that students will find open paid co-operative educational positions that will work for their Industry Practicum.
- Students are hired directly by employers and may accept or reject any offers they receive.
- Must be hired for a 6-8 month position

Career Center internship information:

<http://www.rochester.edu/careercenter/students/internship/index.html>

Steps to take after receiving an Industry Practicum Co-Op Offer from an employer:

- Meet with an Academic Advisor (contact information on back) or a Career Counselor to receive an Industry Practicum handbook.
- See your faculty advisor and fill out your plan for completing the rest of your required courses. This usually means adding on an extra semester to the published curriculum.
- Work out housing arrangements with Residential Life if applicable
- International students must consult with the International Students Office to obtain work authorization
- Once placed, students must meet with a Hajim School Dean's Office advisor to fill out a change of status form and review any other necessary information
- Industry Practicum Handbook: (see .pdf link on website)

