

ARTS MANAGEMENT CO-OP

Arts Management at Trent

The Master of Arts Management is designed for students wishing to pursue a career in arts management and administration, or for professionals in the practice who wish to advance their skills and enhance their knowledge of the field. Students will develop the scholarly knowledge, applied skills, critical thinking, and creative problem-solving abilities that will provide a strong foundation for professionals working in arts organizations, the entertainment industry, government ministries, municipal departments, not-for-profit arts organizations, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), private and public foundations, and small social or cultural enterprises. The program will draw upon various areas such as arts management, policy, culture and the arts, budgeting, marketing and leadership.

These explorations can take place both in the classroom and beyond – through the Arts Management Co-op program, you can put skills to action with a paid work term in a professional setting.

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Co-op is an opportunity for students to gain work-integrated experiential learning that will help them get a head start on their career. The Arts Management Co-op assists graduating students in achieving a competitive edge while generating experience within a wide range of sectors. Specifically, co-op gives the students a chance to obtain practical experience on the job, develop or enhance technical skills, explore career options, network with a variety of individuals and organizations, learn from mentors, enhance communication and presentation skills, and develop leadership skills.

Program Requirements for Admittance into Co-op:

- Four-year, bachelor level degree, [or equivalent], from an academic institution
- Minimum B+ (77%) or equivalent in the last four semesters or the last two undergraduate years (last ten full credits)
- Submission of required documents (transcripts, two letters of reference, proof of English language proficiency, statement of personal interest or plan of study, and a writing sample)

To remain in the co-op, students must:

- Successfully complete the required co-op preparatory course
- Receive a minimum 70% in each academic course.
- Complete the academic co-op work term.
- Submit all work term documentation and receive satisfactory evaluations during their work term

Arts Management Co-op is a competitive direct-entry professional program with a limited number of spaces.

Arts Management Co-op Work Term Schedule

Fall	Winter	Summer
Study Term 1	Study Term 2	Work Term
		

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All students are encouraged to meet with the graduate program and the Co-op Coordinator to ensure they are meeting program and work term requirements.

Please Note: Co-op is meant to prepare students for the real-world job application process and as such, the co-op process is competitive and dependent upon many factors including market conditions, the student's efforts to secure a work term, and the academic performance of a student. Every effort is made to find suitable co-op work terms for students, but a work term opportunity cannot be guaranteed for every student. Co-op students will secure positions through successful participation in the co-op interview process and/or their own job search activities. Withdrawal from the co-op program will not normally be approved while a student is on a work term.

Students who are unable to obtain a suitable co-op opportunity in an upcoming work term are expected to continue with their academic program on a full-time basis. If a co-op student is unable to undertake the work term they must enroll in ARTM 5800Y Integrated Practicum Learning Project.

Students are required to pay a \$750 administrative co-op fee during their Summer work term. The Co-op Assistance Program is available to support students in financial need with co-op expenses. For more information, please reach out to coop@trentu.ca.

International Students As of April 1, 2026, international post-secondary students no longer need a co-op work permit to participate in a mandatory work component of their study program. To be eligible for student work placements, you must have a valid study permit that includes authorization to work on campus. For full eligibility requirements and updates on working in Canada as an international student, visit [Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada](https://www Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada).

Students with Disabilities are strongly encouraged to register with Student Accessibility Services (SAS). Please contact sas@trentu.ca for more support.

Sample Work Term Areas for Arts Management:

- Art Galleries & Museums
- Archives & Historical Sites
- Collection Management
- Theatre & Filmmaking
- Event Planning
- Community Development

Potential Career Paths:

- Policy Analyst
- Museum Curator
- Nonprofit Arts Administrator
- Executive Producer
- Exhibition Designer
- Cultural Services Program Director

