

School of the Environment at Trent

Trent School of the Environment (TSE) is home to globally recognized experts tackling the world's most complex challenges including climate change and pollution, environmental policy, food security, the health of freshwater ecosystems, energy security, and urban planning. TSE students in the following co-op programs can apply their environmental knowledge to real world, exploratory settings along side reputable employers:

- [Ecological Restoration \(BSc\)](#)
- [Environmental Chemistry \(BSc\)](#)
- [Environmental and Resource Studies/Science \(BA or BSc\)](#)
- [Environmental Science and Studies \(BESS\)](#)
- [Environmental Geoscience \(BSc\)](#)
- [Geography \(BA or BSc\)](#)
- [Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems \(BA or BSc\)](#)
- [Water Sciences \(BSc\)](#)

School of the Environment Co-op

Trent's paid co-op is an opportunity for you to gain work-integrated experiential learning that will help you get a head start on your career. Co-op assists graduating students in achieving a competitive edge while generating experience within a wide range of sectors. Specifically, co-op gives you a chance to obtain 12 months of 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 technical writing skills.

ALL Program Requirements for Admission into Co-op:

- A minimum 80% cumulative average in six Ontario 4U or 4M courses including ENG4U

ADDITIONAL Requirements for Admission into Co-op:

- [Environmental Chemistry & Environmental Geoscience](#): SCH4U, MHF4U or MCV4U
- [Ecological Restoration & Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems \(BSc only\)](#): SBI4U

To remain in the co-op, students must:

- Maintain a minimum 75% cumulative average throughout their study terms
- Successfully complete the required Co-op course (COOP 2000H) with a grade of 70%+
- Complete the co-op work term experience (COOP 2100P, 3100P, 4100P)
- Receive satisfactory evaluations during their co-op work term



All co-op students are encouraged to meet with an Academic Advisor for degree mapping and to ensure they are meeting all their program requirements. You can book an appointment on the Student Experience Portal (trentu.ca/sep) or by calling (705) 748-1011 ext. 1488.

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 on 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 are expected to continue with their academic program on a full-time basis. If a co-op student is unable to complete their co-op work terms (COOP 2100P, 3100P, 4100P) yet otherwise fulfills degree requirements, they will be awarded an Honours Bachelor of Arts or Science in their program of study.

Students do not pay tuition during each work term. Students are required to pay co-op fees plus ancillary fees and levies. 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.

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

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).

Sample Work Term Areas for TSE programs:

- Conservation Officer
- Data Officer
- Education & Outreach Assistant
- Environmental Planner
- Field Technician
- GIS Assistant
- Lab Technician
- Research Assistant
- Restoration Assistant
- Wildlife Technician

