

# CO-OP EMPLOYERS ON THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE PORTAL



# Co-op Employer Handbook – Accessible Version

Welcome! This handbook is all about Trent University Co-op and will walk you through everything you need to know about being a co-op employer with Trent, including the steps to set up your employer account on Trent's Student Experience Portal and how to navigate posting to our co-op job board.

We look forward to working with you!

#### Overview

#### Why Choose a Trent Co-op Student?

Why should you hire a Trent student? There are a multitude of reasons.

Trent students are problem-solvers, critical thinkers, and excellent communicators. Our co-op students are ready and eager to take on new learning experiences, which means your workplace gains a team member with fresh ideas, diverse perspectives, and valuable knowledge.

Hosting a Trent co-op student allows you to have direct experience working with future full-time candidates while they are still university students, so you can instill core skills and expertise early on in their careers. This benefits your future recruitment and hiring efforts as you'll have a pool of candidates who already have your preferred skills and understand your business.

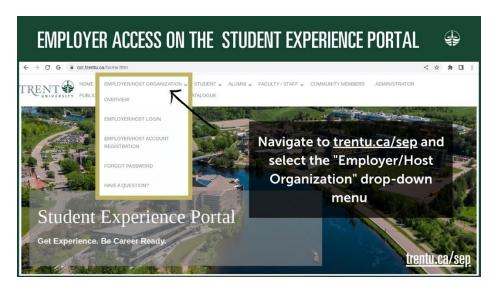
Co-op work terms are 4 months long and 35 hours/week, giving students the opportunity to manage well-defined special projects at your organization. Additionally, your organization can earn a provincial tax credit of up to \$3,000 through the Ontario Co-Operative Education Tax Credit, plus federal wage subsidies through the <a href="Student Work Placement Program">Student Work Placement Program</a>.

#### **Role of Careerspace**

Committed to fostering community partnerships and providing students with a wide array of experiential learning opportunities, Careerspace facilitates meaningful and valuable experiences between motivated Trent students and organizations. The majority of co-op programs at Trent University are coordinated by Careerspace.

Our Co-op Team is available to help guide you through the process of setting up your employer account, posting your opportunities to our Co-op Job Board, processing student applications, and completing the midterm and final evaluations. To get in contact with our Co-op team, reach out to <a href="mailto:coop@trentu.ca">coop@trentu.ca</a>.





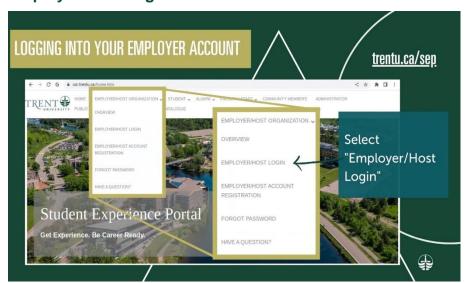
## **Trent's Student Experience Portal** Homepage

You can access the Student Experience Portal by going to trentu.ca/sep and clicking on the "Employer/Host Organization" dropdown menu.

#### **Employer/Host Account Registration**

If this is your first visit, you will need to register your account. To register, access the Student Experience Portal through trentu.ca/sep and navigate to "Employer/Host Account Registration" under the "Employer/Host Organization" drop-down menu. Complete the registration form and enter your Organization's details, including contact information, location, and areas of interest. It may take 1-2 business days for your account to be approved before you are able to post.

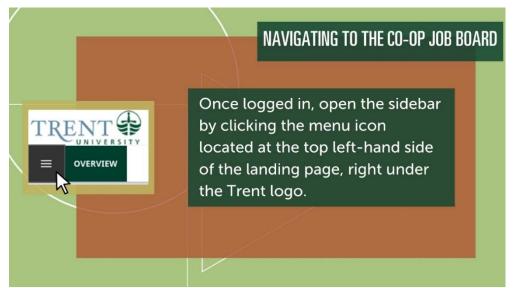
#### **Employer/Host Login**



password before you can log back in and view applicants.

Now that you have registered your account, you can login moving forward. To login, you will access the Student **Experience Portal** through trentu.ca/sep and navigate to "Employer/Host Login" under the "Employer/Host Organization" tab. The system may ask you to reset your

# **Navigating to the Co-op Job Board**



Now you can navigate to the Co-op Job Board. Open the sidebar by clicking the menu icon located at the top left-hand side of the landing page, right under the Trent logo.



Locate the Coop tab along the green sidebar on the left and open the dropdown menu. Select Job Postings.

## Posting to the Co-op Job Board



You have made it to the Co-op Job Board landing page. To create a new job posting, select the blue button that says, "Post a Job"!



The system will first prompt you to accept the Terms and Conditions and agree to abide by the Trent Employer Recruitment Policy before allowing you to continue

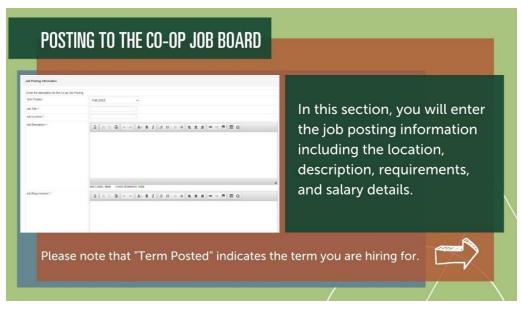
and fill out the job posting form.

## Posting to the Co-op Job Board (Continued)



The first portion of the job posting form asks you to fill out Company Info, including location and contact info. Mandatory fields are marked with an asterisk. Please note that students

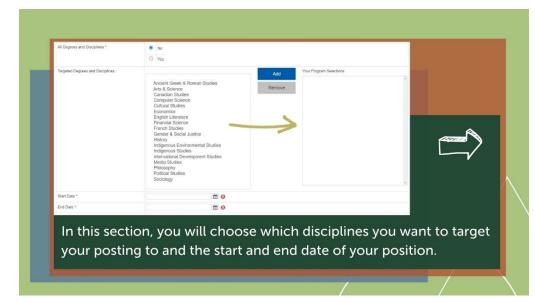
will only see Organization Name, Division, and Website Address.



In this section you will enter the job posting information including the description, requirements, and salary range.

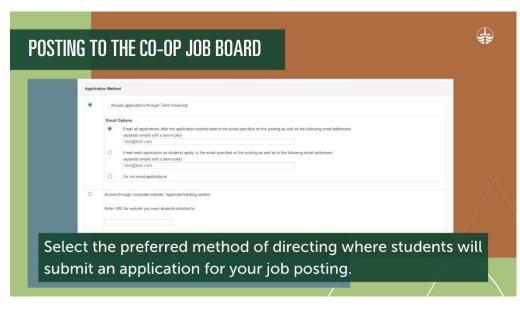
Please note that "Term Posted" indicates the term you are hiring for, e.g. Fall, Winter, or Summer and the year.





In this section, you will choose which disciplines you want to target your postings to and the start and end date of your position.

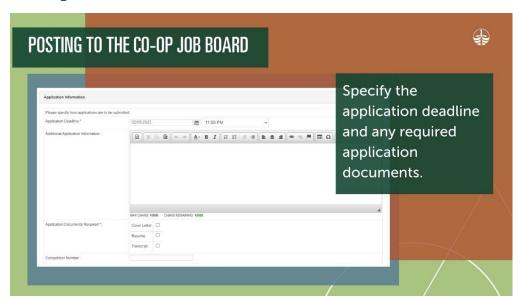
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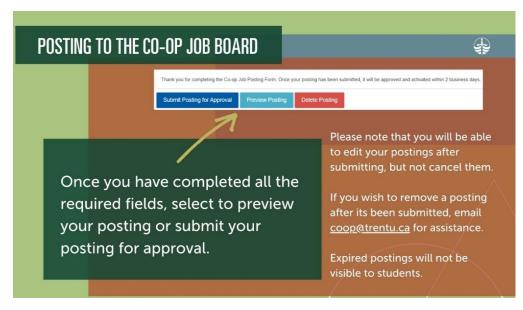
Now you can select the preferred method of directing where students will submit an application for your job posting. You may choose to have applications e-mailed to

you (either as students apply or as an application bundle when your position closes) or you may prefer students to apply directly through your company's website. If you choose that option, you can enter the web address where you want students to be directed to apply.





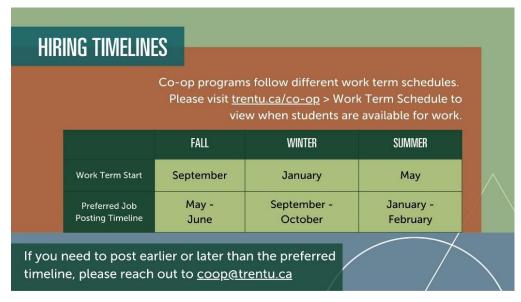
In this section, you will specify the application deadline, any additional application information, and your required application documents.



Once you have completed all the required fields, select to preview your posting or submit your posting for approval. Please note that you will be able to edit your postings, but not cancel them.

If you wish to remove a posting after it is submitted, contact <a href="mailto:coop@trentu.ca">coop@trentu.ca</a> for assistance. Expired postings will not be visible to students.

## **Hiring Timelines**



Co-op programs follow different work term schedules. Please visit here to view when students are available for work.

For a Fall Work Term Start, students will work from September to December. The preferred timeline to receive job postings for the Fall Term is May to June.

For a Winter Work Term Start, students will work from January to April. The preferred timeline to receive job postings for the Winter Term is September to October.

For a Summer Work Term Start, students will work from May to August. The preferred timeline to receive job postings for the Summer Term is January to February.

If you need to post earlier or later than the preferred timeline, please reach out to <a href="mailto:coop@trentu.ca">coop@trentu.ca</a>

# **Workplace Responsibilities**

#### **Employer Responsibilities**

It is the employer's responsibility to provide position-specific training and job orientation, ensuring all workplace policies are provided to the student. The employer must have a supervisor dedicated to overseeing the student's work and providing feedback. Employers must pay the student for their time and treat them as an employee of the organization. Employers must also advise students and Coordinator of any confidentiality or security clearance issues relevant to the job or application process. To ensure success, employers must complete midterm and final evaluations of the student.

### **Student Responsibilities**

It is the student's responsibility to follow all workplace rules and safety procedures while exercising ethical workplace conduct and maintaining employer confidentiality. Students will set goals for each work term and strive to meet those goals through working, learning, and developing the skills that will benefit their future careers. To ensure success, students must complete midterm and final evaluations of their employer.

#### **Tax Credit letter Information**



Employers are eligible for a tax credit of up to \$3000 through the Ontario Co-Operative Education Tax Credit. Tax Credit Letters will be sent to you at the end of each work term. This letter will include the student's

information and job details.

For more information, please visit <u>Co-operative Education Tax Credit</u> For support with your tax credit letter, please contact <u>coop@trentu.ca</u>

#### Thank you!

Thank you for your support of co-op programs at Trent University. If you have any questions, please reach out to our Co-op Team anytime by e-mailing<u>mailto:</u> coop@trentu.ca or calling us at 705-748-1011 x 6012.