Hello,

You are receiving this email because you are currently seeking a summer co-op job.

On March 20 we sent an email outlining the continuation of the seeking process despite COVID-19. Not much has changed in the seeking process since then. We continue to encourage employers to post jobs, conduct virtual interviews, and tentatively offer positions. Some employers have put their hiring process on hold or cancelled their hire for this term based on the impact of COVID-19 on their organization. Each job’s status continues to be updated on Symplicity as we receive more information (instructions can be found on the Canvas Seeking course).

We do however have an update on temporary modifications to the co-op requirements for the Summer 2020 term and for those graduating in November 2020 or May 2021.

**Summer 2020 Length of Work Terms**

Due to the effects and constantly evolving nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, the UBC Co-op Council, with support from each of our faculties, has made the decision to adjust the minimum requirements for Summer 2020 work terms in order for students to earn co-op credit. This will provide employers flexibility if they have experienced adverse effects to their companies as a result of COVID-19, as well as ensure that more students are able to obtain valuable work experiences. The work term requirements for the Summer 2020 term are as follows:

- Work terms that meet the threshold of 8-16 weeks and a minimum of 280 hours will qualify as a work term. Typically, the requirement of our accreditation is a minimum of 12 weeks and 420 hours.
- Any student with a work term of less than 8 weeks or 280 hours can appeal to the co-op program for co-op credit.

**Impact on Co-op Standing for students graduating in November 2020 or May 2021**

The requirements to graduate with co-op standing may be adjusted for those students who will be graduating in November 2020 or May 2021. This may include approving graduation on a work term or reducing the number of work terms required for co-op standing to 2. These requirements will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis later this year.

All currently seeking students expecting to graduate after May 2021 will have potential accommodations reviewed closer to their expected graduation date. A reminder that co-op work terms are never guaranteed for any work term a student chooses to seek work. As such, we advise all students to have flexibility in completing their 3 work terms, regardless of a
phenomena such as the health crisis we are currently experiencing. If you are unable to confirm a job this summer due to the impacts of COVID-19, you may need to make changes to your work term and academic term plan, and Co-op Staff are here to support you in revising that schedule. Once we are through the current seeking process, we will reach out to students with work term schedules impacted by COVID-19 to discuss options.

Additionally, we are planning an online Q & A session next Thursday, April 9, 12:30 to 1:30 pm. It will be held via Collaborate Ultra, which runs in Canvas. This session is particularly for students seeking work or with a confirmed job for Summer 2020, but any co-op student can join if they wish. We also plan to have more sessions like this in the future. You will receive more information about this session next week via email.

If you have any questions or concerns, or if your seeking status has changed, please do not hesitate to contact Leah or myself.

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