The Steinbright Career Development Center provides the pathway from cooperative education to career. This pathway is built on four major components: cooperative education, international co-op, career services, and employer connections. By incorporating these four elements into a student’s education, Drexel students are more informed regarding their career choices and able to construct successful career trajectories that maximize personal satisfaction. Each is intentionally designed to support Steinbright’s mission: to prepare, guide, and empower students and alumni in navigating the lifelong process of personal and professional development. This blueprint to success is what sets a Drexel education apart from other universities, providing our students with a unique combination of knowledge and experience that will empower them to become the leaders of tomorrow.

“What is Steinbright?

“Steinbright provides many resources to students, and there are just as many people who work hard to help students make the most of them. At Drexel, it’s not just about having great opportunities, but it’s also about being surrounded by people who inspire you to aim higher.”

View Halima’s story: drexel.edu/scdc/pathway
Steinbright’s cooperative education program provides professional employment experience for students, giving them the opportunity to explore and build a career before they enter the workforce.

Students begin by taking COOP 101, a 10-week preparatory course designed to prepare students for their co-op experiences and to develop career planning and job search skills, as part of their regular class schedule. As early as their sophomore year, they then begin to supplement their classroom education with meaningful employment, while potentially earning a median salary of more than $17,000 per six-month period. Students may also elect to participate in a Research Co-op to prepare them for a career in research or graduate school or an Entrepreneurship Co-op that will, in collaboration with the Close School, assist them in establishing their own ongoing business.

A student’s academic curriculum can feature as many as three co-ops, providing as much as 18 months of work experience. Cooperative education maximizes students’ collegiate education by effectively combining learned theory with practical, real-world application.

Specialized co-op experiences are also offered at the graduate level. This program allows Drexel full-time graduate students to gain experience within their field while receiving academic credit.

“Thanks to my co-op, I believe that I have a new skill set that employers are looking for. Without this experience, I wouldn’t have been able to develop and sharpen these skills to the best of my ability.”

Shane Nelson

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“My last co-op (in Shanghai, China) was very challenging and tested my limits, but I was able to learn a lot from this experience. Particularly about the difference in workplace culture between China and the United States.”

Jacky Liang
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Steinbright’s international opportunities provide students with employment experiences around the world that will propel them to new heights as professionals.

Students who participate in a co-op abroad have their résumé set apart from the pack. They also develop a broadened cultural perspective and knowledge — a highly sought-after commodity for employers in today’s global economy. Working internationally is a unique experience that allows students to expand their horizons and open new doors of possibility.

International co-op experiences are made possible through financial support from the University, along with the generous support of our partners, such as the Freeman Foundation, which has contributed $800,000 over a five-year span.
Steinbright’s Career Services provide Drexel students with the tools, knowledge, and guidance they need to transition from college to career.

In order to ensure students are on the path to achieving their education and future-career goals, Steinbright has a dedicated team of advisors available for one-on-one guidance and counseling sessions. These services are complemented by a wide variety of workshops and events designed to help students build upon job preparation skills, including: résumé writing, interviewing, networking, and salary negotiation.

Steinbright also provides additional specialized resources for pre-law and pre-health students, including targeted advising, workshops, and application process assistance.

“Steinbright gave me the chance to figure out what career would best suit me while I practiced interview and networking skills. Before I launch into a full-time position, I already have the skills to perfect my résumé, write a strong cover letter, and network with people.”

Jenna Bechard

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**COOPERATIVE EDUCATION**

**CO-OP EMPLOYER CONNECTIONS**

- Johnson & Johnson
- Independence Blue Cross
- Exelon Corporation
- Comcast Corporation
- Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- University of Maryland
- University of Michigan
- University of Connecticut
- University of Virginia

**WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY**

- 48% of recent graduating students who already have been employed.
- 59% of recent graduating students who already have been employed.
- 36% of recent graduating students who already have been employed.
- 40% of recent graduating students who already have been employed.
- 30% of recent graduating students who already have been employed.
- 25% of recent graduating students who already have been employed.
- 20% of recent graduating students who already have been employed.
- 15% of recent graduating students who already have been employed.
- 10% of recent graduating students who already have been employed.
- 5% of recent graduating students who already have been employed.

**EMPLOYER CONNECTIONS**

- 2014 Drexel University Men’s Basketball sponsor.
- 2014 Drexel University Women’s Basketball sponsor.
- 2014 Drexel University Men’s Lacrosse sponsor.
- 2014 Drexel University Women’s Lacrosse sponsor.
- 2014 Drexel University Men’s Volleyball sponsor.
- 2014 Drexel University Women’s Volleyball sponsor.

**SOUTHEAST ASIA**

- Vietnamese students
- Thai students
- Malaysian students
- Singaporean students
- Indonesian students

**A LEGACY OF IMPACT**

- **Company:** AlexaNicola Koszyczki
  - **Major:** Biological Sciences
  - **Company:** INOLEX, Inc.
  - **Major:** Chemical Engineering

- **Company:** IrishoN Benjamin
  - **Major:** Marketing
  - **Company:** Bimbo Bakeries USA

- **Company:** EdmuND Lynn
  - **Major:** Computer Engineering

- **Company:** Dr. Barbara O’Nara, PhD
  - **Major:** Computer Engineering

- **Company:** Rachel Johnson
  - **Major:** Computer Science
Through our co-op program and vast base of alumni, Steinbright connects students to a constantly growing network of employers and industry leaders across the globe.

Composed of Fortune 500 companies, nonprofit pioneers, innovative startups, and points across all government sectors, our extensive community of partnerships and affiliations presents an almost unlimited collection of possible connection points for students preparing to enter the job market.

Hundreds of employers actively seeking to fill open positions attend Steinbright’s annual career fairs in the fall and spring, along with an engineering career fair each February. These events are among the largest of their kind in the region. Additionally, DragonJobs, Drexel’s online job search tool, provides employers with the ability to post job openings for student application.

“The Steinbright Career Development Center works in partnership with employers and ensures students understand how to broaden their network when creating a job search plan.”

Nicole Dalberto
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