In 2016–2017, the Steinbright Career Development Center was able to produce exceptional results for Drexel students by providing the tools and opportunities to build their professional skills, explore potential career paths, and better prepare themselves for success after graduation. The continued strength of Drexel’s cooperative education program, along with the growing number of employer partners within our expansive professional network, can be directly attributed to the work and coordination of the Steinbright team in conjunction with our partners in colleges, schools, centers, and offices across the University. Together, we are working to create positive outcomes for our Dragons to support the shared goals and stated initiatives of the Drexel community.

In addition to helping students find relevant co-op experiences in locations across the country and around the world, Steinbright has continued to mentor and guide aspiring Dragons to better ensure they are prepared to succeed throughout their professional endeavors. Through preparatory classes like COOP 101, workshops focusing on everything from résumé preparation to salary negotiation, multiple career fairs throughout the year, and a dedicated team of counselors and advisors to guide them through their development, Steinbright is providing students with support services that will not only ready students to enter the workplace, but will prime them to excel.

Over the past year, the Steinbright team has also continued to work with our academic partners to maximize the work experience and professional development our students receive from our co-op program when evaluating, revising, and constructing Drexel’s classroom curricula. By improving the alignment and cohesiveness between the knowledge students learn in class with the experiences they have on co-op, we are able to greatly expand the capacity for student learning.

The success demonstrated in 2016–2017 can in large part be attributed to the dedication of our staff and the effective leveraging of our internal and external partnerships. We are committed to further developing these important relationships and continuing to develop our strengths in order to enhance student success at Drexel University.
Co-op opportunities know no bounds. Increasingly, students are participating in co-ops outside of the Greater Philadelphia region and the United States.

A total of 661 students went on co-op outside of the region, and 224 students went abroad for co-op.

5,505 total number of co-op students employed domestically and abroad.

89% of co-op students indicated their co-op position met or exceeded expectations.*

Undergraduate Co-op Employment Rate: **98.2%**

SELECT CO-OP EMPLOYERS

- Academy of Natural Sciences
- Amazon
- Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
- Comcast Corporation
- Drexel University
- Exelon Corporation
- GlaxoSmithKline
- Independence Blue Cross
- Johnson & Johnson
- Lockheed Martin
- PJM Interconnection LLC
- SAP America
- Susquehanna Int’l Group LLP
- Thomas Jefferson University Hospital
- The TJX Companies, Inc.
- University of Pennsylvania

ONE YEAR AFTER GRADUATION

96% of graduates are working or enrolled in graduate or professional school.***

Average starting salary of Drexel graduates working full-time: **$56,628***

* Graduating Senior Class 2017 Survey
** Based on a 52.7% employer response rate, 2016–2017
*** One-Year-Out Alumni Survey, graduating class of 2016