In 2017–2018, 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 faculty, 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 2017–2018 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.
2017–2018 HIGHLIGHTS

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 688 students went on co-op outside of the region, and 197 students went abroad for co-op.

5,325
total number of co-op students employed domestically and abroad.

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

UG Co-op Employment Rate: 98.2%

SELECT CO-OP EMPLOYERS

• Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University
• Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
• Comcast Corporation
• Drexel University
• Exelon Corporation
• GlaxoSmithKline
• Goldman Sachs & Co.
• Independence Blue Cross
• Johnson & Johnson
• Lockheed Martin
• PJM Interconnection LLC
• SAP America
• Susquehanna Intl 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: $59,557****

CO-OP BY THE NUMBERS

Total students employed ......................................... 5,325
Students employed internationally ................................ 197
Student employment rate ......................................... 98.2%
Percentage of co-op jobs that were paid positions ........ 82.4%
Unique co-op employers ......................................... 1,566
Number of countries w/ co-ops ................................ 39
Number of states w/ co-ops ....................................... 31
Number of COOP 101 sections .................................. 141
Number of COOP 101 students ............................... 3,307

STUDENT RESULTS

Percentage of co-op students found co-op relevant to their career objectives* 88%
Percentage of co-op students indicated their co-op position met or exceeded expectations* 89%
Percentage of co-op students would consider returning to their current employer for another co-op position* 72%
Percentage of job applicants had at least one job interview before graduation** 83%
Percentage of job applicants had at least one job offer before graduation** 64%
Percentage of job applicants who were already employed or had accepted a job offer before graduation** 53%

EMPLOYER RESULTS***

Percentage of co-op employers would consider rehiring their co-op student for a future co-op or full-time position 87%
Percentage of co-op employers found student academic preparation oriented to the needs of their organization 95%
Percentage of co-op employers rated overall student performance as very good or excellent 83%

POST-GRADUATE JOB BOARD

Employers posting openings ........................................ 2,640
Full-time job openings posted .................................... 6,821
Total number of job openings posted ........................... 9,858
Unique student users .................................................. 4,451
Job applications submitted ........................................ 20,085

CAREER FAIR ATTENDANCE

• Fall Career Fair 1,678 228
• Engineering Career Fair 625 135
• Spring Career Fair 923 109

AFTER GRADUATION

Percentage of graduates working or enrolled in graduate or professional school**** 96%
Average starting salary of Drexel graduates working full-time**** $59,557
Medical School Acceptance Rate 69%
National acceptance rate 41%
Law School Acceptance Rate 84%
National acceptance rate 75%

* Post Co-op Student Evaluation, 2017–2018
** Graduating Senior Class 2018 Survey, 93.0% response rate
*** Based on a 63.5% employer response rate, 2017–2018
**** One-Year-Out Alumni Survey, graduating class of 2017

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