
FACULTY NEWSLETTER

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GENERAL NEWS

CCE and Auto21 Connect Canada

[AUTO21](#), in partnership with the University of Windsor's Centre for Career Education recently launched Connect Canada, a national research and development internship program for graduate students and post-doctoral fellows. We are proud to say that we successfully competed to win this program (which represents a \$5,000,000 grant) and that we are one of only two providers of this program in the entire country.

Now more than ever, Canadian companies must innovate to compete in the global marketplace. Research and development play key roles in innovation, and can lead to new and improved products, technologies, knowledge and services.

[Connect Canada](#) offers a cost-effective way for companies to engage in advanced R&D. Regardless of the sector or location across the country, Connect Canada can help companies find a graduate student or post-doctoral fellow who can help resolve the most pressing R&D issue. An investment of \$5,000, the cost to secure a Connect Canada intern, could pay for itself multiple times depending on the outcome of the project. The company's \$5,000 investment is matched by a \$5,000 contribution from Connect Canada, providing total funding of \$10,000 to the intern. Over the next five years, Connect Canada will facilitate a total of 750 of these internships.

Benefits of Connect Canada

- For a small investment, companies can leverage their research dollars and in-house capabilities and gain access to a dedicated graduate intern who is guided by their academic supervisor.
- Connect Canada's business model allows for a quick turn-around on applications, and is flexible and responsive in developing internships that meet industry needs.
- Connect Canada helps partner university professors and interns with relevant, industry-led placements focussing on research and development.
- Interns gain relevant industry experience through Connect Canada by working on advanced research and development projects that can enhance their graduate studies.
- Connect Canada is building lasting connections between the research and private sectors that will enhance Canada's ability to engage in advanced R&D for years to come.

For more information, please visit <http://www.connectcanadainternships.ca/>

What's new on myCareer?

The myCareer website provides University of Windsor students, as well as recent University alumni, with information about available career services, current employment opportunities, and a wide variety of career resources. Processes related to Co-operative Education and the Volunteer Internship Program (VIP) are also facilitated through the myCareer website. A new addition to the myCareer website are webinars designed to assist students with their career planning and development and development of their employment readiness skills.

These new webinars include:

- a. Developing a Life/Career Plan
- b. Developing a Professional Resume/Cover Letter
- c. Understanding LMI and Developing a Personalized Job Search
- d. Developing Interview Skills and Techniques
- e. The fine Art of Networking
- f. Preparing for a Job Fair
- g. Transitioning from School to Work for Students with Disabilities

Please direct students to access the new webinars and view other CCE resources, by signing onto myCareer via the student portal at <https://myuwindsor.ca> and click the resource page.

New CCE Brochure

We have developed a new brochure which summarizes the services and resources we offer to the campus community.

Visit <http://www.uwindsor.ca/cce/faculty-staff-services> then CCE Brochure to view it.

CAREER RESOURCES

2011 Continuing Education Fair

The University of Windsor in partnership with the Faculty of Graduate Studies is excited to announce the launch of our 6th annual Continuing Education Fair. Sponsored by the Centre for Career Education, the Continuing Education Fair will give your students the opportunity to learn about a variety of post graduate programs, by meeting with representatives from 30-40 different programs

The 6th Annual Continuing Education Fair will take place:

Monday, October 24, 2011
10:00 am to 2:00 pm
CAW Student Centre – Commons Area

For more information email efair@uwindsor.ca or go to
<http://www.uwindsor.ca/cce/continuing-education-fair-information>

2012 Job Fair – A Partnership to the Future

ATTENTION: Please tell your students about this exciting upcoming event!

The University of Windsor Centre for Career Education, in partnership with St. Clair College, is holding the 13th annual **Job Fair**.

The Job Fair-“A Partnership to the Future” will be held on **Tuesday, January 24th, 2012 at the St. Denis Athletic Centre**. The Job Fair is open to all current students and alumni of the University of Windsor and St. Clair College. Hours are from **10:00 AM until 2:00 PM**.

The Job Fair is a great opportunity to meet face-to-face with over 60 companies representing several different career fields including:

- a. Policing, Security, and Correctional Services
- b. Federal and Provincial Government Corporations
- c. Medical and Health Care
- d. Engineering
- e. Information Technology
- f. Manufacturing
- g. Banking, Accounting, Finance
- h. Military
- i. Public Utilities

More information will be available on our website:
<http://www.uwindsor.ca/cce/job-fair>

In Class Presentations

Mark your calendars for September!

The Career Resources unit in the Centre for Career Education will be accepting requests from all faculty and staff for in-class presentations for the Fall Semester. Standard presentations on a variety of career topics are available such as career planning, labour market trends, resume writing, job search management, interview tips, and cover letter writing. Upon request, CCE will also develop a specialized career presentation for any faculty and major to provide those students with specific labour market and career information within a particular field. In addition, the career resources staff can also assist

in hosting a networking event, or include a career education element in a student centered event that is already planned.

Requests for in class presentations can be made online at

<http://www.uwindsor.ca/units/cce/crpForms.nsf/PresentationReq?OpenForm>

For this Fall 2011 term, requests can also be made by contacting the employment advisor by email donna@uwindsor.ca or by telephone at ext 3554.

“The Centre for Career Education really enjoys helping students. Their class presentations are well prepared, well delivered, and well appreciated by the professor and especially the students. During a customized presentation entitled “Career Planning & Job Search Tips”, the students found both the concrete and relevant career development tips and the responses to questions very helpful. The CCE is indeed knowledgeable and passionate about contributing to the career success of students.”

Dr. Xiaohong (Iris)

Professor Civil & Environmental Engineering

“CAREER CONNECTIONS”

The Centre for Career Education has been working hard to present career opportunities to all students at the University of Windsor in a wide variety of career streams, by assisting employers in establishing an on-campus presence, and through the promotion of University of Windsor students and their perspective faculties and programs.

For the period of April 2011 to June 2011, CCE has hosted on-campus information sessions for the following employers:

- **Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)**
- **Schukra of North America**
- **RIM/Research in Motion Limited**

CAREER PROGRAMMING

Volunteer Internship Program News

Students who successfully complete the VIP program are recognized with a certificate of achievement and earn a special designation on their official UWindsor transcript.

- 1) VIP applications will be open by early October for students interested in participating in the Winter 2012 semester.

Students who have completed VIP I successfully can apply to complete our VIP II program designed to augment their earlier VIP I experiences and further their career discovery and exploration.

2) **What some VIP students of the 2010-2011 Year said about their VIP experience:**

“My VIP experience has helped clarify my career goals by showing me the ins and outs of this career.” Honours Music & English Student

“My VIP experience has been very intriguing, memorable, and beneficial to my life.” Liberal and Professional Studies Student

“The most positive thing that happened while working (as a VIP student at the organization) was to be appreciated in what I was doing.” Environmental Studies Student

One student commented after completing her 40 volunteer hours for VIP: “ I shall continue coming back (to volunteer) so the skills I learned will continue to be used!” Psychology Student

New VIP Employers

The Centre for Career Education would like to welcome our new employers as participants in the Volunteer Internship Program at the University of Windsor. The VIP Employers play a vital role in helping our students gain invaluable work experience in their field of study or interest. We would like to welcome the following new employers who posted for the first time in the Summer 2011 work term. We look forward to continued success working with the following:

- **Windsor-Essex Association for Volunteer Administrator WEAVA**
- **University of Windsor Faculty of Science—Biology Lab**
- **St. Maria Goretti Catholic Elementary School**
- **Border City Boxing Club**
- **Family Services of Windsor-Essex County**
- **The Friends of Ojibway Praire**

Call for VIP Employers

If you are involved with an organization or know an organization that may have an interest in hiring a VIP student positions may be posted;

<https://career.uwindsor.ca/register/employer.htm>

Of course, you may also refer interested organizations to the VIP coordinator, Linda DiPaolo at vip@uwindsor.ca.

International Employment Preparation Program

New Employment Preparation Program for International Students

A new Employment Preparation Program for international students is currently under development. It potentially could include various tiers, which will focus on international students and career preparation.

Tier 1 looks at the career planning process while Tier 2 will address employability skills.

The pilot program ran this summer 2011, and we accepted registrations for Tier 1. We will be using the experience gained through the pilot to finalize the program. We hope to offer both Tiers this year. The components of each Tier are listed below:

Tier 1

- 1) Attend a Career Planning Workshop, develop your life/career plan.
- 2) Participate in a Career Planning / Mapping Exercise and
- 3) The opportunity for a one-on-one Career Advising Appointment with a Career Services Staff member who will review your life/career plan assignment.
- 4) An additional component of this Tier if needed or desired is the Interest Testing (this can be discussed in your Career Advising appointment, note there is an additional fee for the Interest/Vocational Testing)

Tier 2

- 1) Review and discuss the myCareer on line resource modules: "International Student" & "Preparing for the Job Search"
- 2) Review myCareer on line resource "Preparing for the Job Search"
- 3) Attend and participate in a Job Search Bootcamp Workshop
- 4) Participate and attend a Power Interview Workshop
- 5) Access Optimal Interview via myCareer
- 6) The opportunity for a one-on-one Mock Interview with a Career Services Staff member who will conduct the interview and provide feedback.

CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION

Lessons in Excellence:

Co-op Student Reflects ENWIN's Innovation Goals

By Barbara Peirce Marshall, Manager of Corporate Communications and Public Relations

ENWIN is dedicated to supporting local educational institutions and is an active advocate for co-operative education programs. We see co-ops as win-win situations – the students

reap the benefits of real-world work experience and we gain the services of enthusiastic, energetic, innovative business leaders of tomorrow. But every now and then, the student teaches us a lesson. Recently, we found out just how innovative our current electrical engineering co-op student really is.

Jil Amine, a third year engineering student from the University of Windsor, is working with ENWIN 's engineering manager, Robert Spagnuolo. But his work day doesn't end when he leaves the classroom or the Rhodes facility.

Jil is also the co-founder of a campus-wide energy conservation group called Enerware, that aims to tackle sustainability issues at the University of Windsor through energy efficient solutions, energy consumption awareness and environmentally friendly ideas.

As Enerware's vice-president, Jil has been deeply involved in many projects and activities. He personally researched and implemented the university's Energy Efficient Computing and Energy Efficient Monitor setup, which decreased the Leddy Library's monitor energy consumption by 25%, reducing the library's annual yearly energy bill by \$1000.

University librarian, Gwendolyn Ebbett, said the project not only improved the building's energy efficiency but provided a more environmentally-friendly computing space for patrons.

"It is a win-win project," explained Jil, "because it doesn't change the display quality and it saves between five and nine watts per monitor. All that was achieved without a capital cost, thereby ensuring cost-effectiveness."

That bright idea was one of several ideas Enerware brought to the library. Project teams are now working to generate environmentally-friendly solutions across campus.

But, wait...there is more! We only found out about our student's incredible list of accomplishments when Jil approached ENWIN 's conservation and demand management director, Lawrence Musyj, about the possibility of a collaboration that might benefit both ENWIN and Enerware.

All this, while completing an engineering degree and an internship at ENWIN !

Is it any wonder Jil received the Windsor-Essex County Engineering Week Award, University of Windsor, on March 25.

NEW! myCareer Accepting Co-op Applications!

As of August 2011, students are to apply for admission to co-op programs on our myCareer system. Specifically, we are accepting co-op applications from second year students in the following programs:

- Business Administration (including combined Business/Computer Science)
- Computer Science
- Engineering
- Physics

There are different admission requirements and processes for each co-op program. For specific details, please visit our website at www.uwindsor.ca/cce

Applications for the Kinesiology Co-op program will be open to students in January 2012. Applications for the M.Sc. in Computer Science Co-op program will be accepted every term. At the beginning of each term, an email announcement is made to all current students with instructions and deadlines on how to apply for this program.

New Co-op Employers

The Centre for Career Education would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new co-op employers who have participated in the Co-operative Education process at the University of Windsor for the Summer 2011 term.

- **Service Mold**
- **Saver Emergency Products**
- **Control Tec, LLC**
- **Siemen's PTE Ltd - Singapore**
- **Amico Infrastructure**
- **Liqui-Force Services**
- **Sunshine Pickles**
- **The Prestressed Group**
- **Scribendi Inc.**
- **Banff Hockey Academy**
- **Beach Walk Family Fitness**
- **Harmony In Action**
- **Independence Lake Park**
- **Lakeside Plastics**

Important Dates for Students: Summer Work Term

Junior Work Term Business and Business/Computer Science Co-op student Deadlines:

<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
Round Table Discussion / Post Work Term Reflection Session	Within the first month of classes during the fall 2011 academic semester
Co-op Learning Portfolio	Monday, September 12 th 2011, by 4:00pm

Intermediate + Senior Work Term Business and Business/Computer Science Co-op Student

Deadlines:

<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
Work Term Report Co-op Learning Portfolio	Monday, September 12 th 2011, by 4:00pm

Junior Work Term Computer Science Co-op Student Deadlines:

<u>Assignments</u>	<u>Due Dates</u>
Written Assignment #4: Final Report Co-op Learning Portfolio	Monday, September 12 th 2011, by 4:00pm

Intermediate + Senior Work Term Computer Science co-op Student Deadlines:

<u>Assignments</u>	<u>Due Dates</u>
Work Term Report Co-op Learning Portfolio	Monday, September 12 th 2011, by 4:00pm

Earth Science, Engineering, Kinesiology, Operational Research and Physics and High

Technology Co-op Term Deadlines:

<u>Assignments</u>	<u>Due Date</u>

Work Term Report	Monday, September 12 th 2011, by 4:00pm
Co-op Learning Portfolio	

For more information on [Assignments](#) and [Deadlines](#) please visit: Your [CLEW site](#).

For those students competing for co-op positions in the Winter, please check your e-mail for CCE notifications on Winter competition dates.

Announcement: Employment Development Coordinator

The Centre for Career Education would like to welcome Phil Baluyot as our new Employer Development Coordinator. After 7 years in Texas, Phil returned to his hometown of Windsor. With an education in Business, Human Resources and Chiropractic, Phil brings years of diverse experience in Sales, Human Resources and Private Healthcare Practice to the CCE. Phil's new position as our Employer Development Coordinator will work to re-establish a strong presence for the University of Windsor CCE with local employers in Windsor-Essex County. On behalf of the Centre for Career Education, we would like to welcome Phil to our team!

Student's Choice: Outstanding Supervisor Award (Winter 2011)

Every semester the University of Windsor's Centre for Career Education office presents the **Student's Choice: Outstanding Supervisor Award**. This award is designed to allow co-op students an opportunity to recognize a supervisor who was an exceptional mentor and went above and beyond normal expectations to ensure that the student had a quality placement.

The winner of the Winter 2011 Student's Choice: Outstanding Supervisor Award is **Rob Black** from **Research In Motion!**

The Student's Choice: Outstanding Supervisor Award is awarded based on several different criteria including: the quality of the work experience of the student and the degree to which the supervisor acted as a mentor and was committed to enhancing the student's knowledge and development.

A Computer Science co-op student nominated Mr. Black and commented that he provided leadership, encouragement and mentoring skills. In addition, he praised Mr. Black's inspiring attitude and drive. Mr. Black also demonstrated interest towards the students' long term growth and development by providing professional advice and ongoing support.

Nominees for the Student's Choice: Outstanding Supervisor Award Winter 2011 included:

Stephen Brown, Henry Ford Hospital, nominated by Daniel Travo

Robert Spagnuolo, ENWIN Utilities Ltd., nominated by Jil Amine

Jeff Dufault, Kautex Textron, nominated by Kelly Stasso

The Student's Choice: Outstanding Supervisor Award is a way to build awareness of the co-op program and encourage employers to strive for the best learning experience for themselves and the student. We would like to thank all the students and employers for participating in the Co-op Program.