## 2017 OFFICE OF EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING





Experiential Learning (EL) is "the process whereby knowledge is created through transformation of experience" (Kolb, 1984, p.41). Engagement in and reflection on purposeful EL opportunities within the classroom, the community, or workplace, can advance the learning outcomes of an academic program while fostering a positive student experience and career development.

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT & EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Programs and resources designed to build bridges between the classroom and the extended environment and support students in their career development.



career advising appointments were conducted

3,700



students were reached through 46 class presentations

2,276



jobs posted (1,608 unique)

1,100+



students attended career development workshops

400+



drop in appointments made with career peer advisors in Fall 2017

graduate student professional development initiative launched



students approved for the Ignite work study program

15,000



job applications sent to work study job postings

500+



students in the Ignite program hired in 161 jobs across 45 departments

## COMMUNITY INTERACTION & OUTREACH



Volunteer Internship Program (VIP) students placed in 44 different local non-profit & publicly funded organizations

9,200+



hours of VIP students' time, dedicated to the community



curricular community service learning & field placements coordinated at 49 different organizations

## **CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION & WORKPLACE PARTNERSHIPS**

Co-operative Education & Workplace Partnerships provides students with a well-rounded education that is founded both in academic theory and real world application.

1,500+ **\*\*\*** 

undergraduate and graduate co-op students enroled

94%

63%



co-op employment rate increase in co-op enrolment the last 5 years

2,000+



employers posted opportunities, including 120+ new employers

\$8.7+ Million



in student earnings with average co-op earnings of \$11,152 per work term



**2,100**+ jobs posted



17,700+
job applications



500+



**600**+

interviews conducted students

students participating in job readiness programming

By combining semesters of study with semesters of full-time, paid employment in career-related positions, students are able to: apply classroom theory, gain hands-on experience, network with employers and professionals in their field, explore different career options, learn how to compete confidently in the job market, and earn a salary to help offset the cost of their education.

780+



students participating in work terms (Jan.-Dec. 2017)

360+



first work terms

**70**+



international work terms in **5** countries

93.3%



employment rate for students enrolled in co-op, **6 months after graduation** (Ontario Universities Graduate Survey, 2012) Students who graduated from co-op have an average salary

\$10,000



higher than non-co-op students (Ontario Universities Graduate Survey, 2012)



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