

## Co-op Work Permits for International Students

### Why do I need a Co-op Work Permit?

As an international student participating in the SFU Co-op program, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) requires you to apply for a co-op work permit. It is illegal to work in Canada without a valid work permit during your co-op placement. Your home co-op program office must have a copy of your valid co-op work permit on file before you can be released to view and apply for jobs. NOTE: the co-op work permit may only be used for authorized co-op work term employment.

### When to Apply?

You should apply immediately upon acceptance into your home co-op program. Processing times can be quite lengthy so it is very important to apply as early as possible.

### How to Apply?

- x Pick up the co-op work permit letter from your home co-op program – this verifies that you have been accepted into the SFU Co-op Program.
- x The Co-op Work Permit instructional handouts from the SFU International Services for Students (ISS) Office can be found online at <https://www.sfu.ca/iss/6.97812.9>