

Eligible international students can work on and off campus without a work permit. There are different requirements for working on campus and off campus. International undergraduate and graduate students who would like to work on and/or off campus must meet certain eligibility criteria as outlined below.

On campus work

"On campus" is defined by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) as employment facilities within the boundaries of the campus. Your employer can be SFU (e.g. temporary assignments), a faculty member, the Student Society, yourself (e.g. private tutoring) or a private business or private contractor providing services to the institution on the campus. This does not include Co-op placements or SFU-approved internships or practicums.

SFU students who meet the eligibility criteria to work on campus are permitted to work at any of the three SFU campuses (Burnaby, Vancouver or Surrey).

Students can work on campus without a work permit if they:

- x Meet SFU's definition of full-time status as per <https://www.sfu.ca/students/isap/explore/enrollment/enrollment-requirements.html> in the term they wish to work on campus
- x Meet IRCC's work eligibility criteria for on campus work as per <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/work/work-on-campus.html>
- x Hold a valid Social Insurance Number (SIN). See our handout.

Can I work in a Co-op job or an internship while I study?

You may participate in a Co-op work term or SFU-approved internship or practicum if all of the following apply:

- x You have been accepted into the Co-op program OR you are expected to complete an internship/practicum as an essential part of your program of studies;
- x You hold a valid Co-op work permit;
- x You apply for and obtain a valid Social Insurance Number (SIN).

For more information about how to apply for a Co-op work permit, please see our handout at:

<https://www.sfu.ca/content/dam/sfu/students/isap/Advising%20Handouts/Applying%20for%20a%20Co-op%20Work%20Permit%20or%20SFU-Approved%20Internship%20Work%20Permit.pdf>

The Co-op work permit can only be used for a Co-op work term or a SFU-approved internship or practicum.

Can I volunteer in Canada while I study?

Volunteer activities for which a person would not normally be paid, which are part time and incidental to the main reason you are in Canada (to study), generally do not require a work permit.

If the volunteer work is an activity for which a Canadian citizen or permanent resident might normally be hired, or if it is considered “competitive” within the Canadian labour market, it will generally be considered employment and you will require a work permit (or you will need to meet the eligibility requirements to work using your study permit).

For more information, please visit the IRCC website: <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/operational-bulletins-manuals/temporary-residents/foreign-workers/what-is-work.html>

What issues will I need to consider when deciding whether or not to work?

1. Work eligibility

Before starting work, you must ensure that you are eligible based on current IRCC regulations. Please refer to the information on page 1 to see if you are legally able to work.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you are eligible to work on and/or off campus before you begin working. Working without meeting the eligibility requirements may result in enforcement action by IIO.003 Tw . (a3 0 T)JTJ 0.-. 2 Tw (is)Tj 0 T3.95 Tw 3.773