

Economics at Trent

Economics students study the impact that individuals, businesses, financial institutions, and governments have on the economy. Students will use national and international data to explore trends and tendencies and to test economic models, and through their studies, gain an understanding of the methods and tools required to analyze complex economic issues such as inflation, unemployment, and the regulation of the market structure.

Economics students are equipped with the necessary knowledge of economics for understanding and dealing intelligently with current topics like economic growth, income inequality, the environment, globalization, and various forms of market regulation. Besides the importance of understanding contemporary social issues, economics students develop career skills for business, law, teaching, public administration, and research integral to the workplace.

Why Trent Co-op?

Trent students are problem-solvers, critical thinkers, and excellent communicators. Our co-op students are ready and eager to take on new learning experiences, which means your workplace gains a team member with fresh ideas, diverse perspectives, and valuable knowledge. With our university-wide Indigenous Course Requirement, our students gain a foundational understanding of the history, traditions, cultures, and knowledge of Indigenous peoples which is an essential perspective they can bring to your organization. Hosting a Trent co-op student allows you to instill core skills and expertise early on in students' careers which will benefit your future recruitment and hiring efforts.

Traditionally there are 3 separate co-op work terms of paid employment, each 4 months long, minimum 35 hours/week, giving students the opportunity to manage well-defined special projects at your organization. With the Economics co-op, students are encouraged to combine two work terms back-to-back creating an 8-month opportunity with one employer.

Work Term Schedule

	Fall	Winter	Summer
Year 1	Study Term 1	Study Term 2	Study Term 3
Year 2	Study Term 4	Study Term 5	Work Term 1
Year 3	Study Term 6	Work Term 2	Work Term 3
Year 4	Study Term 7	Study Term 8	

How can an Economics student help you?

- Economic data collection and statistical analysis and modelling
- Social and market research for your upcoming projects
- Creating project evaluation tools
- Generating financial reports

Skills Developed in Economics

- Gather, interpret, and analyze economic data
- Knowledge of economic theory and econometrics
- Critical thinking
- Research and investigative skills
- Knowledge of statistical procedures
- Perform statistical analysis and modelling
- Proficient in oral and written communications
- Understanding of economic and fiscal trends
- Write clear and concise financial reports and statements
- Apply quantitative analysis
- Assess needs, define problems, and evaluate goals
- Analyze the multiple facets of a problem and identify what is important
- Sound decision-making skills

Employer Wage Subsidies

Through the Student Work Placement Program, co-op employers are eligible to apply for wage subsidies through one of the following funding recipients:

- Technation
- Information and Communication Technology Council
- ECO Canada
- Biotalent Canada
- Electricity Human Resources Canada
- Venture for Canada
- Magnet Student Work Placement Program
- Excellence in Manufacturing Consortium
- Ontario Chamber of Commerce
- Tourism HR Canada
- Cultural Human Resources Council
- Trucking HR Canada
- Canadian Agricultural Human Resources Council
- Food Processing Skills Canada
- Canadian Media Producers Association
- FCCQ



Hiring students in Economics Co-op could earn you a credit of up to \$3,000 through the Ontario Co-operative Education Tax Credit.

Co-op employers post their positions on the Student Experience Portal. Through this platform, students apply to positions, employers view applications, invite candidates to interviews, and complete end of work term evaluations. To create an employer account on the portal, visit trentu.ca/sep