Conversations for Success: Work Study 2020-2021

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What is Work-Study?

- Program that provides on-campus job opportunities for students with government funding
- Offered in partnership by Career Services and Financial Aid and Awards
Apply for Student Aid ASAP! Orientation sessions run from August 19 – September 14

**Work-Study Timeline**

- **September 11th, 2020**: Work-Study Program Application deadline
- **September 16th @ 12PM**: Job Application deadline: Apply for Work-Study Positions early and start working in the Fall term
- **October 1st, 2020**: UM General Bursary Application deadline
- **Late Nov - early Dec 2020**: Bursary assessments and distributions to accounts by this date
- **January - February 2021**: Mid-Point Check in with your Work-Study supervisor
- **February – March 2021**: Professional Development with Career Services
- **March 6th, 2021**: Work-Study Ends

Be sure to submit your feedback form.
Who is Eligible?

• Must be residing in Manitoba for the duration of your Work-Study term

• Must have proof of government financial aid for the 2020-2021 academic year (private or bank loans do not count)

• Be registered as a full-time student in both the Fall and the Winter

• Have achieved a minimum of a 2.0 GPA in previous academic session (not applicable for new University of Manitoba students)
Choosing the right Work-Study position

- Job Requirements
- Competencies
- Future Career Goal
- Duties & Responsibilities
- Industry Exposure & Networks
Position Examples

- Herbarium Assistant
- Sustainable Food Systems Assistant
- Research Assistant – Kinesiology; Medicine; Anthropology; Centre for Human Rights Research
- Student Life Programs Assistant
- Junior Confidential Intake Assistant
- Recruitment and Co-op Program Assistant
What is it like to be a Work-Study Student?
Good morning everyone! I’ll be taking over this account to show you guys what an engineering work-study position can look like.

The first two pictures are of my workstation, where most of my computer work gets done. It’s a computer connected to four 3D printers.

The second two pictures are of a model of the Millennium Falcon from Star Wars that was printed on these printers.

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This is one of the projects I’ve been working on this summer. It’s a 3D printing “print cell”, which is basically a cabinet full of 3D printers with ventilation and some other stuff.

The first three pictures show the CAD model of the cell and then the cell in its current state. You can see in the third picture that 9 printers will fit.

Each row has its own ventilation and each printer will be accessible over the network just like a normal printer.

The last two show the door and doorknob latch. Any questions? Leave them down below!

Earlier in the summer I helped with the Kinnickness Program. The Kinnickness Program aims to increase the number of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students graduating from Science and engineering programs in Canada.

I was able to help out by helping several students to fly an FPV drone. This is a picture of the drone along with some footage from the week.

You can read more about the Kinnickness Program here: verna.kinnickness.org

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And that's a wrap! Being a work-study student helped me develop skills, and find out about things that you might not learn everyday. Or maybe you do, but don't really think about it. Like plants. As a work-study student, I've been fortunate enough to work here. And with that, not only was able to gain and improve skills I'll definitely need for the future, but I've been given a chance to have a better appreciation on plants. Even when they're dried and hollow, there's beauty in them. Also, I definitely recommend applying for the program next year. It's fairly new but I have a feeling it would keep going with how successful it's been in the past two years. As the weekend is upon us, stay safe, stay warm and have a great one. - Kamillah #umstudent #umanitoba #umtakeover
Quotes from Students

What do our students say they liked best about the program?

“I enjoy the Work-Study program overall since it allows me to develop new and current skills that are fundamental to the career that I would like to take on in the future. Moreover, I learn more about myself since I understand what type of work I do not like and what I enjoy; which usually takes years to figure out. I look forward to the next school year’s work-study program!”

“Learning about different resources offered on campus, cultivating new, valuable relationships and the convenience of working on campus with other students!”

“I enjoyed working on campus in the field I’m interested in. It built valuable relationships and more engagement with my degree.”
How to be a Good Candidate

Attend an Orientation Session (between August 19 and September 14) to familiarize yourself with the process.

Attend an interview prep workshop, or reach out to a Career Consultant for support so you can nail the interview.

Get document support! Bring in the job ad you are applying for, and get resume and cover letter feedback from the Career Centre.
Other Jobs on Campus

- UMSU
- University of Manitoba Human Resources
- Businesses on campus – bookstore, food service
- Career Connect
Accepting the job:

- You are only allowed to accept ONE (1) Work-Study Program position
- Ask questions about your role and/or hours expected before accepting the position
- Know your priorities: balancing school and work
- Midpoint Check-in
- Professional Development & Survey
Career Planning and Application Resources

**Job Search/Career Planning**

BOOK AN APPOINTMENT:
204-474-9456
cs.receptionist@umanitoba.ca

**Resume Learning Centre**

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Self-directed resources are available online!

**Interview Prep Workshops**

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Apply for Work-Study

Eligibility Details & Application Instructions
umanitoba.ca/student/workstudy

Contact Work-Study
wkstudy@umanitoba.ca
Thank you!

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