

Level UP

Paid Experiential Learning for Students



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It can sometimes be challenging for students to access learning opportunities beyond their coursework. Level UP has changed that reality, with a program that connects you to employers for a paid opportunity to learn new skills and broaden your horizons.

Riipen, a project-based learning platform in North America, has been connecting students, academics and industry professionals since 2014. Riipen launched Level UP in 2021, a program providing opportunities for Canadian students to work directly with employers on short-term projects. In addition, students can use and expand their skillsets while getting paid for their hard work.

The program funded by the Government of Canada's Work-Integrated Learning Initiatives with the objective to create quality work opportunities for students across the country.

Each project is approximately 60 hours over 2-8 weeks, with flexible scheduling to fit into a student's semester. Most opportunities are remote-first, though some employers may offer hybrid or in-person options.

Upon completion, students receive a \$1,400 stipend, paid directly through Riipen. Projects span a wide variety of fields, including business strategy & finance, computer science & IT, marketing and communications, health and social impact, design and creative work, and more.

Level UP operates in cohort cycles. Students can complete one project per cohort and, if spaces fill, join a waitlist to be notified when the next cycle opens.

Riipen takes pride in preparing students for the workforce with career-ready skills before their graduation. Level UP aims to make this process even easier.

Why Participate?

- Paid: Earn \$1,400 per project
- Flexible: Remote projects (~60 hours over 8 weeks)
- Career-Building: Gain real experience and expand your network
- Student-Friendly: Open to post-secondary students across Canada

Eligibility

To participate, you must meet all the following requirements:

- Be at least 18 years old.
- Be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or a person with refugee protection under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act.
- Be legally entitled to work in Canada according to your province or territory's regulations.
- Be currently enrolled at a Canadian post-secondary institution or have graduated within the past 12 months.
- Please note that international students are not eligible for this program.

Typical Cohort Dates

Dates and cohort availability are subject to change.

Pre-Step - Apply ASAP at <https://www.riipen.com/levelup/students> to join the program pool and be ready for the next cohort!

- July
- September
- October
- January
- February

Source: [Riipen Help Centre – Level UP FAQs](#) & [Level UP Cohort Breakdown](#)