

# How Can I Get Involved at Laurier? - for International Students -

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# Learning Objectives

- Understand the **value of gaining experience** during university
- Learn how to **find on-campus experiences** while at Laurier that will help you acquire new skills
- Learn from **experienced and knowledgeable senior-year students**

# Why is it important to gain experience?

- You can meet new friends
- Practise your English (if English is not your first language)
- Explore new career interests
- Learn about the Canadian culture and the Canadian workplace
- Get experiences that you can put on your resume
- Show your skills to employers



# Where can I find opportunities?

- Volunteer
- Join a club
- Paid employment
  - Co-op

# Volunteer

1. Laurier [online search](#) for community positions
2. Volunteer Action Centre [online search](#) for community positions
3. Laurier student government (WLUSU) opportunities information on [their website](#)
4. Take courses with [Community Service Learning](#) opportunities

# The Value of Volunteering video



# Clubs

- Join a group of interest
  - Laurier club [information](#) and [clubs list](#)
- What should I do once I'm in the club?
  - Look for ways to **get involved** in the student organization (e.g. take on a role, run an event, etc.)
    - Year 1: General member
    - Year 2: Co-ordinator of \_\_\_\_\_
    - Year 3: Executive Member

# Paid employment

- Search [Navigator](#) for [on-campus](#) or [off-campus](#) jobs
- [ISWEP](#) (International Student Work Experience Program)
- [Indeed](#) job search engine
- 'On-Campus Student Employment and Volunteer Fair' is held in February
- Networking: LinkedIn and events/panels and employment information sessions



# Co-op

- Review the [information slides](#) from last year
- Go to an information session in your first year! (they start in January)
- Apply at the beginning of second year

# Make the Most of Your Experiences

- Be professional and have a willing to learn attitude
- Be punctual, dependable
- Work hard to complete your tasks. When you finish, ask if there is something else you can help with. This attitude will be appreciated and let you develop more experience and skills
- Network with people you meet
- Keep track of activities you are doing
- Explore different types of experiences to explore your interests

# Next steps...

- Talk to one of our student panelists
- Research opportunities to see what is a good fit for you
- Talk with a Career Consultant at a drop-in at Laurier International or make an appointment at the Career Centre

# Welcome to our Student Panel!

- to watch the panelists, click [here](#)

# Connect With Us!

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