Formally initiated in 1954, Purdue’s Office of Professional Practice (OPP) strives for national leadership in supplying work-integrated learning experiences for students and innovating new approaches to the development of practical learning opportunities. OPP is housed in the College of Engineering, but serves a cross-campus population of eight colleges and 48 academic disciplines.

Our programs, which include 5-Session Co-Op, 3-Session Co-Op, Master’s Co-Op, Internships/Research Experiences, and GEARE (Global Engineering Alliance for Research and Education), combine on-the-job experiences with the classroom training of a four-year college curriculum. Co-Op and internships help students integrate theory and practice, confirm career choices, investigate potential job opportunities, and become better graduates. This is affirmed by the Gallup-Purdue Index, which found that 71% of students who participated in academically relevant work experience were employed full-time at graduation. The study also found that those same graduates were twice as likely to be engaged in the workplace. OPP programs directly influence those outcomes!

Our programs are thriving: enrollment over the last five years is up 75% and OPP now serves approximately 1,200 students. Steeped in real-world practice, these students are prized by industry and graduate ready to contribute from day one. OPP also serves more than 500 employers from private industry and government agencies.

An investment in the Professional Practice Partners Program is an investment in tomorrow’s captains of industry, as Partners Program participants receive sundry benefits to fulfill their human resource needs, in addition to greatly enhancing their on-campus exposure.

Will you join us in giving Purdue students an opportunity to take ownership of their future?

Eckhard Groll
Reilly Professor of Mechanical Engineering
Director, Office of Professional Practice
In this program, students start their Co-Op positions after their first academic year or during their sophomore year (after 3 semesters = late start) and complete 5 work sessions (4 work sessions for late start) with the same employer/host organization. As students progress through their work rotations, they gain progressive levels of responsibility. This program is a transcript-recorded experience and provides an academic certificate upon completion.

This award-winning program, the only one of its kind in the United States, combines language training, cultural orientation, study abroad, domestic/international work experiences, and global design team projects into the 4-year engineering curriculum. Through global collaboration, students draw the map for a virtuous career as a global engineer. Students may combine this program with a 3- or 5-session Co-Op.

These programs allow students to experience several different employer/host organizations. The duration of the internships and research experiences are typically one session. There is no obligation on the part of the employer to allow the student to return, but this may happen in certain circumstances. The student will spend approximately three months with a single employer/host organization.

This program is a two-year, MS-level Cooperative Education program in which the students will receive an MS degree based on their chosen discipline and a Cooperative Education certificate. By providing a work integrated learning program, students who graduate from this program will not only meet all MS degree requirements, but will also have significant graduate-level industrial experience within a profession of their choice.
CONSIDERING PARTNERSHIP?

The Office of Professional Practice thrives in its mission to provide work-integrated learning experiences to Purdue students due in large part to the support it receives from valued industry partners. Interested parties may choose from a variety of giving levels and receive benefits commensurate with the level of their gift.

Supporting Professional Practice Programs can create a strong, Co-Op-driven talent pipeline for your organization. Sponsorship — and its numerous benefits — will create great name recognition amongst potential applicants. OPP stands ready to welcome you as a partner and will ensure that your organization sees a positive return on its investment.

We look forward to having the opportunity to partner with you to continually improve the Professional Practice Programs!

Benefits of becoming a partner:

- Discover ambitious students early in their career
- Assess an employee before making a permanent offer
- Enhance your reputation at Purdue University
- Help your employees work their way through college
- Influence the education of future professionals
- Tap into resources at Purdue University
Your company becomes a **Black** Level Professional Practice Partner with an annual gift of **$2,500**.

**Benefits of Black Level Professional Practice Partners:**

- Advertising on LCD screens located in Potter Engineering Center
- Logo Placement on the Office of Professional Practice Website
- Invitations to participate in Professional Practice and GEARE Industrial Advisory Committee Meetings and Employer Seminars
- Employer-sponsored seminar or workshop, with OPP event management
- Preferred placement at events sponsored by the Office of Professional Practice
- Registration for 2 free tables to be utilized during Professional Practice Career Fair and/or Professional Practice Interview Days
- Annual networking events with Co-Op and GEARE students
Your company becomes a **Gold** Level Professional Practice Partner with an annual gift of **$5,000**.

**Benefits of Gold Level Professional Practice Partners:**
In addition to the Black Level benefits …
- Logo placement at any conferences or events attended by the Office of Professional Practice
- Employer-sponsored seminars or workshops to be coordinated on campus or via video conference, with event management by the Office of Professional Practice
- Two additional free tables, beyond Black-level benefit, to be utilized during the Professional Practice Career Fair and/or Professional Practice Interview Days.
- Access to resume booklets for graduating Co-Op students
- Access to resume booklets for graduating GEARE students
Your company becomes a Platinum Level Professional Practice Partner with an annual gift of $10,000.

Benefits of Platinum Level Professional Practice Partners:
In addition to Black and Gold Level benefits …
- Registration for UNLIMITED free tables during Professional Practice Career Fair and Professional Practice Interview Days
- Free access to campus interview space anytime during the year
- Annual exclusive recruitment event focused on graduating Co-Op and GEARE students
- Logo placement on all OPP marketing materials
Air Products supports the Purdue Co-Op program based upon our 30+ year history with the program providing positive results. This long-term relationship allows for our Co-Op students to have more depth and breadth of assignments within Air Products, which is mutually beneficial to both Air Products and our Co-Op students.

Chris Rehrig  
Air Products  
Principal Mechanical Engineer

“As a leading global security company, we provide our customers with advanced technologies to meet their toughest and most complex challenges. Initiatives like Purdue’s Professional Practice Program help us find diverse, talented, and enthusiastic employees that allow us to support the demanding requirements of our customers.”

Julie Gourley  
Northrop Grumman  
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Bechtel  
Lead Recruiter, University Relations

“Bechtel values the high academic and ethical standards of Purdue graduates, as well as their worldview. Bechtel is an international company, and we value students who have travelled the United States and the world and demonstrate mobility in their career path.”

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The Professional Practice Ambassadors (PPA) work with the Office of Professional Practice (OPP) to form a network for current students, improve the Co-Op program at Purdue, and recruit new students to the Co-Op program. Current Co-Op students may find it difficult to remain involved with student organizations while they rotate between off-campus work rotations and on-campus study. PPA is designed to assist these students by understanding their unique needs and welcoming them back to campus each semester.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:**

Co-Op students are very hardworking and talented individuals. Although our Co-Op students are earning competitive salaries, paying for college remains a challenge. For those who wish to contribute to scholarships, they can choose to donate to the general scholarship fund, or they can create a scholarship in their own name. Scholarship amounts vary from $100 to $3,000 and are entirely up to the sponsor’s preference.

**EVENT SPONSORSHIPS:**

With your sponsorship, PPA is able to provide many valuable programs and services to their members on a yearly (or per semester) basis. Programs include monthly meetings, new Co-Op student recruitment, and social events. PPA also hosts PPA Networking Night, an event that connects students to employers prior to the annual Professional Practice Days.
PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE PROGRAMS
PARTNERSHIP FORM

Company Name: ___________________________________________________
Contact: __________________________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________________________
City/State/Zip: _____________________________________________________
Phone: _______________________ Email: ______________________________

Please let us know how you would like to direct your contribution:
(All gifts can be made payable over five years)

☐ Platinum Level ($10,000)
☐ Gold Level ($5,000)
☐ Black Level ($2,500)
☐ OPP Impact Fund $ _____________

Desire to pay this pledge over a period of _______ years (maximum five).

Please bill our company:
☐ Annually
☐ Semi-annually
☐ Quarterly
☐ Monthly

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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