

“Everyone has within the ability to do great things; all one has to do is accept challenges and remember a journey of a thousand miles begins with one step.”

-Anonymous author-

### *What Can the Co-op Program Provide You?*

We offer a broad spectrum of on-the-job training in the areas of engineering, human resources, accounting, physics, computer science, and procurement on a semester or quarter basis. Benefits of the co-op program include:

- Receive job experience prior to receiving your degree
- Gain early insight into the career area you have chosen; determine before you are committed whether this career is the right one for you
- Learn the practical applications of theoretical instruction and benefit from the practical experience upon returning to school
- Learn about the job market and what work assignments suit you best
- Gain exposure to space flight hardware (including space shuttles, launch pads and facilities, rockets, and payloads)
- Receive financial income while you are at work to help meet the costs of college
- Interact socially and professionally with individuals from varied cultures and perspectives
- Obtain eligibility for permanent employment with practical experience on record
- Provide personal contributions to space exploration!



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# Launch Your Career

A large, detailed image of a space shuttle launch. The shuttle is ascending vertically, leaving a white plume of smoke and fire. In the background, a satellite with solar panels is in orbit around Earth. The Earth's blue and white surface is visible at the bottom of the frame.

  
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## *What is Kennedy Space Center*

KSC is the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Center of Excellence for Launch and Payload Processing Systems as well as the Lead Center for Acquisition and Management of Expendable Launch Vehicle Launch Services and Payload Carriers. Our designated Mission Areas are Space Launch Operations and Spaceport and Range Technology.

Located at the Cape Canaveral Spaceport in Florida, we handle the checkout, launch and landing of the Space Shuttle and its payloads, including major elements of the International Space Station. Because KSC is the starting point for all U.S. human space flights, we continue to draw worldwide attention. In addition to supporting manned missions, we coordinate all launches of NASA payloads on expendable launch vehicles, whether those launches take place next door at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station or elsewhere in the country and around the world. The ELV program is responsible for launching satellites and probes for monitoring the weather and other conditions on Earth, as well as for investigating planets and other heavenly bodies (i.e., asteroids and comets).

These NASA initiatives and others in our 40-plus-year history have not only contributed to our scientific knowledge, but continually generate spin-off technology. The list of spin-off technologies developed at KSC and other NASA centers across the country goes on and on. Some of these technologies include: extended weather forecasting, global communications, fire retardant materials, cordless power tools, space lubricants, smoke detectors, pacemakers, computer bar-coding, and disposable diapers.

Because of the expertise we have built over 40 years here at KSC, we are rapidly emerging as a world-class Spaceport Technology Center. We have much to offer in the development of future launch vehicles and other spaceports across the globe, and eventually throughout the galaxy.

## *What is the Co-op Program?*

A cooperative (co-op) education program is an educational process that integrates college-level academic study with full-time work experience. The co-op program provides students with on-the-job paid work experience, combining semesters of academic study with alternate semesters of employment. The program is used as our primary source of candidates for entry-level permanent employment.

## *What are the Requirements*

- *Full-time attendance at a participating college/university*
- *Enrollment in the college's/university's cooperative education program*
- *Good academic standing (minimum 2.9 GPA)*
- *Minimum of two work periods*
- *U.S. citizenship*
- *Completion of 30-semester or 45-quarter hours of college/university coursework toward degree being pursued*

## *How to Apply*

Apply through the co-op office at your college. Inform them you are interested in working with NASA at the Kennedy Space Center. Then, submit through your co-op office, the following items:

- *Resume*
- *An official transcript*
- *A recommendation from your university's co-op office.*

