Q & A: UNESCO Internship Program

Information for students who are NOT in the co-op option

If I am the successful candidate for the UNESCO program and I choose the ‘for credit’ option – how will this work?
It is your choice whether you want to participate in the UNESCO internship for (a) academic credit or (b) not for credit.

In order to receive academic credit, you must be enrolled in a specific course in ROSI. To this end, UNESCO finalists who choose ‘for credit’ will receive a late ‘add’ registration for:
- pre-course (INF3900) involving a total of (7) career preparatory and (2) co-op placement mini-workshops; and,
- either INF3901 (4-month placement) or INF3902 (8-month placement)

This plan ensures that you follow the same pathway as students who are currently enrolled in the co-op program.

When will the workshops be offered during the Winter 2016 term?
Some of the workshops will have already taken place by the time you are selected; while others will be offered post selection. Once chosen, you will meet with the Careers Officer to review the time schedule and be added to workshops, where possible. If necessary, you will be granted the opportunity to work directly with instructor/s to individually complete outstanding workshops/assignments.

Will I be granted access to other co-op job postings? Or, if I am selected for the 4-month UNESCO placement, can I continue and select an additional 4-month placement to submit my application through the current co-op program?
No. Selection to the UNESCO program means selection only to this placement. Only those students who applied for the co-op program and were selected through a specific review process are eligible for additional postings.

Will the UNESCO internship delay my graduation?
This will depend on the number of courses you have completed before the summer, or the number of courses left to complete after you return from your internship program. The 4-month placement during Summer 2016 term is unlikely to disrupt normal progress towards degree completion. It is recommended that the person assuming the 8-month placement take time to review their pathway plan with Student Services to determine the best plan for completion.

Am I eligible to apply if I am graduating in April, 2016?
Students who do this internship must be returning as per the second to last point under Applicant Requirements in the UNESCO Internship Application Details document: “Expectation to enrol in Fall 2016 (4-mth) and/or Winter 2017 (8-mth) classes directly upon return”.