

# CONNECTING STUDENTS TO BUSINESSES

The Virginia Talent + Opportunity Partnership (Virginia TOP) connects students with businesses, allowing them to build their resumes, demonstrate post-graduation workforce readiness, and gain valuable insight into and experience within Virginia's business community.



## HOW?

By connecting students with businesses, and allowing them to enhance their education through hands-on, work-based learning opportunities in the professional world.



### PROVIDING THE RIGHT RESOURCES

We give students vital tools to engage with leading businesses looking to recruit talented undergrads.



### PUTTING OPPORTUNITY WITHIN REACH

We help businesses and higher-ed share work-based learning opportunities with students and much more efficiently.



### HELPING YOU GROW AS A PROFESSIONAL

We connect students with the aim to foster professional growth now and post-graduation as part of the student experience.

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CREATING PATHWAYS TO PROFESSIONS

# 10%

of students take advantage of work-based learning opportunities

Source: NACE

# 70%

of employers want new college graduate hires to have relevant work experience, especially work-based learning

Source: NACE

# THE TOP

concern of Virginia businesses surveyed is access to necessary talent

Source: *Blueprint Virginia 2025*  
Virginia Chamber of Commerce

Simply, it says we aren't doing enough to find, invest in, and encourage students to live and work in Virginia after they graduate. That's where Virginia TOP helps: to better connect students who want to learn by doing with Virginia's business community.

## HOW DOES VIRGINIA TOP BENEFIT YOU?

During work-based learning experiences, you can:

Apply coursework to the professional world and gain valuable hands-on work experience

Receive potential employment opportunities post-graduation

Explore career opportunities prior to entering the workforce

Gain a valuable reference or recommendation for other work- or school-related opportunities

Receive class credit and/or compensation

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