Experience Building – Opportunities on OSCARplus

Do you ever worry that you do not have any or enough experience? Many students feel the same – you are not alone. Experiential learning refers to learning through experience, action, and reflection. The Experiential Team at the Student Success Centre has events and opportunities for you on OSCARplus to develop your skills and to learn about other ways you can get experience and make important industry connections.

Types of opportunities

**Career Trek** is a short-term, unpaid opportunity that can provide students with practical, real-world experience. During this experience, students work with a company to provide project support, while gaining experience and getting mentorship.

**Challenge** is a volunteer position that allows students to showcase their knowledge and skills while working on real-world problems.

**Experience Ventures** is an opportunity that enables students to make an impact alongside real-world innovators through entrepreneurial thinking placements.

**Hack-a-thon** is where teams of 3-5 individuals come together to creatively solve problems. It creates essential skills for students in developing business and consumer.

**Volunteer** is a long or short-term opportunity that brings students and communities together through a shared purpose. It is a great way to gain valuable experience, develop transferable skills and help organizations meet their goals and build better communities.

Types of postings at McMaster

- Academic Skills
- Career Development
- Industry Connections
- Peer Program
- Skill Building

Accessing experiences

1. Log onto [OSCARplus](#) using your Mac ID
2. Select “Student Success Centre” from the left panel
3. Select “Volunteer & Experience” from the drop-down menu
4. Select “Postings”
5. Select the type of opportunity you are looking for:
   a. Career Trek
b. Challenge

c. Experience Ventures

d. Hack-a-thon

e. Volunteer

6. Select “Program Registration” and choose from:

   a. Academic Skills  
   b. Career Development  
   c. Industry Connections  
   d. Peer Program  
   e. Skill Building

**Benefits of getting involved**

- You will develop transferrable skills
- You will find volunteer or work opportunities
- You will learn how to apply your knowledge
- You will enhance your reflective practices
- You will prepare yourself for the job market
- You will learn how to create connections

Plus, you can work at your own pace! There is no timeline nor deadline to finish a specific number of experiential opportunities. Remember to have a work-life balance and take breaks.

If you need support or have questions about getting experience, come chat with us. You can book one-on-one appointments to get advice and learn about more experiential learning opportunities. Visit [OSCARplus](https://oscarplus.com) to book an Experience Building appointment!

You can also email experiential@mcmaster.ca for further questions.