

Announcing a new remote internship program in collaboration with the Ontario Ministry of Colleges & Universities, beginning Oct. 2023. Advance Ontario helps underserved Ontario students build skills with paid work opportunities.

How it works

Similar to the Level UP model, students are invited to complete skill-building projects sourced from Ontario employers.

Projects are 80 hours in length, worked on remotely over a 2-8 week period, accessed, matched, and completed all within the Riipen Work-Based Learning platform.

Create opportunities for students in underserved communities who might not otherwise have access to skill building programs or the opportunity to participate in gaining real-world work experiences.

Opportunities for all

Advance Ontario provides paid work opportunities and skills development for members of underserved communities, including (but not limited to):

- Francophones and linguistic minorities
- Racialized person or part of a racialized group or visible minority
- Women in STEM
- Newcomers to Canada
- In remote, rural or northern region
- Indigenous students
- Students with disabilities
- 1st year students
- 1st generation students

Built inclusive

Student Eligibility:

- Currently registered in a publicly-funded, Ontario based, post-secondary education institution; and
- Are legally eligible to work in Ontario
- International students will be eligible to participate
 - *Detailed requirements to be determined.*

Employers:

- Open to employers of all sizes/industries, based in Ontario*
 - **Publicly funded organizations (educational institutions, municipalities, crown corporations, etc.) are not eligible to participate.*

Supports high-growth industries

Advance Ontario supports industries expected to play a significant role in Ontario's future economy and labour market including (but not limited to):

- Advance Manufacturing
- IT & Software Development
- Clean Tech & Envirotech