



Athabasca University  
Students' Union

## POLICY 9.21

### POSITION

*Student Services:  
Career Services, Co-ops, and Job Placements*

#### POLICY RESPONSIBILITY

Council

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WHEREAS Athabasca University (AU) offers minimal career services to students;

WHEREAS career services are a standard offering for most post-secondary institutions and an important factor when students consider secondary institution or university;

WHEREAS Athabasca University Students' Union (AUSU) members expressed desire for resume assistance, co-op opportunities, and job search assistance;

WHEREAS paid co-op programs and internships remain valuable for practical experience in the member's field and entrance into full-time employment;

WHEREAS AU is an ideal environment to provide co-op and internship programs for students because of the flexibility of distance and online education;

WHEREAS opportunities exist for partnerships with organizations across Canada, offering paid internships;

WHEREAS the Government of Canada provides significant funding for post-secondary paid internships;

WHEREAS AUSU believes a correlation exists between offering career services, and student satisfaction and retention;

**AUSU's position is AU should create a student service unit dedicated to providing students with co-op, intern, research, and practicum placements, as well as career counseling and complementary services.**

#### POLICY HISTORY

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