

Position title: Paid Project Experience with an Atlantic Canadian Business (\$850 Honorarium)

Organization: Experience Ventures, Arthur L. Irving Entrepreneurship Centre, Saint Mary's University

Position type: Part-time, project-based work-integrated learning (not co-op)

Location: Virtual, Atlantic Canada

Number of openings: 35

Compensation: \$850 honorarium on successful completion

Hours: Up to 80 hours in total, on a flexible part-time schedule that fits around classes

Dates: Immediately

Application deadline: Placements are matched on a rolling basis, so apply early.

Programs / year of study: All disciplines, all years of undergraduate study

About the organization

Experience Ventures connects post-secondary students with innovative businesses through paid, hands-on placements. Saint Mary's University's Arthur L. Irving Entrepreneurship Centre is the regional lead for Atlantic Canada, delivering 185 opportunities across Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, PEI and Newfoundland and Labrador in 2026–27. The program is powered by the Hunter Hub for Entrepreneurial Thinking at the University of Calgary and funded in part by the Government of Canada.

Experience Ventures, powered by the Hunter Hub for Entrepreneurial Thinking at the University of Calgary, enables post-secondary students to make an impact alongside real world innovators through entrepreneurial thinking placements. Experience Ventures is funded by the Government of Canada and is delivered in partnership with post-secondary institutions nationwide.

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Position description

Businesses across Atlantic Canada have submitted real projects they need help with, and we match them with students from every discipline and background. You will work on one defined project, applying what you are learning in class to a real business need, for a maximum of 80 hours.

What you'll do

- Meet with your business partner to understand the project, goals and deliverables
- Plan and manage your own time across the placement
- Research, analyze and build a practical solution using your academic knowledge
- Share progress with the business and adjust to their feedback
- Deliver a final product the business can use (a report, plan, tool, design or prototype)

Example projects

- Market research and a go-to-market plan for a new product
- A social media and content strategy for a local business
- A financial model or pricing analysis
- A website, app feature or data dashboard
- Process improvement or sustainability recommendations

Who should apply

Students who are curious, self-directed and want real experience on their résumé. No prior work experience is required. Business, arts, science, engineering, computer science, design and every other program are welcome.

Eligibility

- Registered as an undergraduate student at a Canadian Post-Secondary Education (PSE) institution;

- A Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or is a person to whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act; and
- Must be legally entitled to work in Canada in accordance with relevant provincial or territorial legislation and regulations.
- Has not participated in an Experience Ventures placement with Saint Mary's University after May 2026

What you'll gain

- \$850 honorarium
- A real project for your résumé and portfolio, with a business reference
- Entrepreneurial thinking, problem-solving and client communication skills
- Connections with Atlantic Canadian employers, some of whom go on to hire

How to apply: Apply at <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/TJufmsmANV>. Include your program, year and the kinds of projects that interest you.

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