

## UPDATE ON BMLSc CO-OP STUDENT: VIVIAN'S STORY



Four BMLSc students secured Co-op work placements with different organizations over this summer, our inaugural year offering Co-op. Vivian (BMLSc Year 4) is one of them, and here is her story. Please look forward to more BMLSc Co-op student updates to come via the Pathology Bulletin!

Vivian (4th year BMLSc) works at ALS Global (Geochemistry) under her Co-op Supervisor, Alice Pang. Upon graduation, she looks forward to her future career in a dynamic, hands-on environment where she can use the skills and expertise she gained from BMLSc and Co-op opportunities.

**What do you do in your current Co-op placement?** At ALS Geochemistry, a laboratory group that provides analytical testing services for the mining industry, I work as a laboratory assistant, assisting with various tasks related to the analysis of mineral samples. This includes sample preparation followed by different digestion procedures such as acid leaching and fluoride fusions. I also operate instruments for elemental determination within the digested samples while evaluating QC checks and calibration standards.

**How do you feel Co-op helping your personal growth?** Co-op has significantly enhanced my social and communication skills through day-to-day interactions with my mentors and supervisors. My Co-op experiences have also strengthened my confidence in both technical and soft skills as I became more familiar with the professional working environment.

Overall, Co-op has helped me grow both personally and professionally, giving me a clearer sense of direction in my career!improving patient outcomes by providing accurate molecular subtyping.



**The Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science (BMLSc) Program has partnered with the UBC Science Co-op Program to provide meaningful experiential learning opportunities to our talented students.**

BMLSc Co-op students are available to start working in January, May, and September. If you are interested in hiring, the Science Co-op Program Office can assist future Co-op employers step-by-step!

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