University of Waterloo

Co-operative Work Terms

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Work Term Employer Evaluation

Jan - Apr 2025 Student Design Teams University of Waterloo

UW Reality Labs
Waterloo Ontario Canada

Mechanical Designer

Planned Future Work Term(s)

Sep - Dec 2025 May - Aug 2026 Jan - Apr 2027 Sep - Dec 2027 May - Aug 2028

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Dear Hiring Manager,

I am writing to express my keen interest in the Intern position with your company. After researching the team, I realised your company's dedication to innovation aligns with my own love of creating! I'm available for both 4 and 8 month terms and would love to join.

As an Intern, I hope to contribute my resourcefulness and hardware tuning abilities.

Hardware Tuning: At UW Reality Labs, while developing a humanoid robotic arm, I was responsible for integrating force and position sensors to enable responsive joint control. I faced challenges with noisy readings from the force sensors during motion, which disrupted closed-loop control. After isolating the issue, I redesigned the sensor mounts to reduce mechanical vibration and added filtering in the microcontroller code to stabilize signals. This improved force sensing accuracy by over 40% during dynamic testing and enabled smoother joint actuation across a full range of motion.

Resourcefulness in Action: During my time as a production planner at Cyclone Mfg., I was surprised by the amount of waste created by the machinery in the manufacturing process relative to the size of the part being created. Understanding the environmental impacts this has, I took the initiative to create data sheets to display the material requirements for common parts and compared them to the size of materials available. In collaboration with the sourcing department for measurement and using both AX and excel, I helped minimize waste and increase the efficiency of materials by 5%.

I would be thrilled to bring these attributes as an intern. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Skills

CAD: SolidWorks, Fusion360, Altium

Programming/Data: Arduino, ESP32, C, C++, SPI, I2C, CAN, ROS2, MATLAB, Dynamics AX, Excel, Python, Docker

Manufacturing Tools: Machining (Mill), Soldering, 3D Printing (FDM), Sensors, BOM, GD&T, Prototyping **Design Principles:** DFM, DFA, FEA (SolidWorks, Ansys), Technical Drawing, Design Thinking, User Research

Experience

Humanoid Mechanical Lead - WATOnomous/Waterloo Reality Labs - University Of Waterloo Feb 2025 - Present

- Designed functional finger and hand components, mimicking human biomechanics in SolidWorks with DFM and GD&T
- Engineered a modular torque test jig using **Fusion360** to compare 3 interchangeable finger designs (tendon and direct actuation), motors (gimbal, servo), and gearboxes (cycloidal and harmonic) optimizing for torque output and control.
- Led team of 5 in research and implementation of **IMUs**, **Magnetic Encoders**, **Piezoelectric Sensors**, and **Touch Sensors** creating mounts, and wire routing on humanoid finger, wrist, and arm permitting 80% accurately controlled movement
- Created Bill of Materials for budget estimation and ensured that all materials were provided by trustworthy vendors

Embedded Software and Electrical Designer - WATOnomous - University Of Waterloo March 2025 - Present

- Integrated a static obstacle avoidance algorithm using ROS2 with RCLCPP, RCLPY and Docker into a virtual differential drive vehicle with LiDAR simulator using FoxGlove accurately going from point to point using the optimal path
- Designed breakout boards in Altium for VCNL4040 (proximity sensor), and LPS25HB (piezoelectric)
- Scripted in C++ for sensor integration and testing over CAN bus and I2C bus using ESP-32 board

Mechanical Designer – UW Formula Electric – University Of Waterloo

Sept 2024 - Dec 2024

• Collaborated with tractive sub-team to design effective thermal management solutions for a high-voltage lithium battery and conducted **FEA using Ansys** to simulate and optimize heat dissipation by 30%

Production Planner - Cyclone Manufacturing - Mississauga, Ontario

Sept 2022 - Jan 2023

- Implemented part tracker spreadsheet and mandatory checks, reducing production planner turn around time by 20%
- Identified 30+ past due parts and linked excess raw material to meet demand for SAAB Aerospace (Boeing 787),
 Boeing/SAAB (T7A Fighter), Spirit Airlines, Airbus and resolving 40+ customer complaints using ERP and Excel resulting in a 10% decrease in material shortages, shipping delays and missing parts issues

Projects

Auto Medicine Dispenser | Fusion 360, Circuit IO, C,

Feb 2025

- Designed a 3D printed automatic rabbit dispenser using **Fusion360** incorporating **Arduino**, **DC motors**, **LCD and a RTC module** using mounting mechanisms on rabbit gates to dispense scheduled medicine
- Programmed timing logic in C to automate feeding intervals and ensured reliable and consistent medicine dispensation

Autonomous Drone | OpenCV, SolidWorks, Arduino, C++, Altium, 3D printing, ELRS

March 2025

- Engineered and assembled a sub-250g autonomous drone integrating a modular **SpeedyBee F405 Mini flight controller stack (ArduPilot), ESC**, and **GPS** resulting in a control precise and system responsive autonomous drone
- Optimized a lightweight carbon fiber frame using hollow-structure design principles, reducing total system weight and lowering power consumption by improving thrust-to-weight efficiency.
- Created breakout boards for ESC using L6234 motor driver IC, Arduino Nano, and LM393 Comparator

Education

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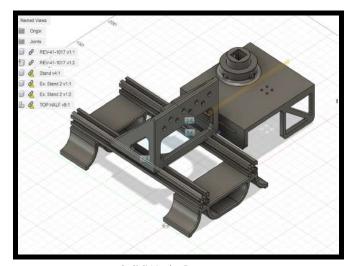
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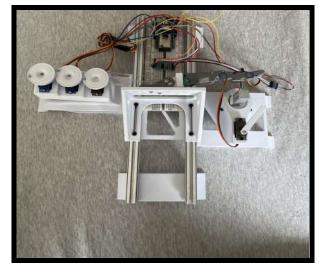
Fall 2025

PD	20	Strategies for Career Success	
Term Averag	ge: N/A	Decision:	
Spring 2025			
SYDE	162	Human Factors in Design	
SYDE	112	Calculus 2	
SYDE	114	Matrices & Linear Systems	
SYDE	102	Seminar	
SYDE	192L	Digital Systems Lab	
SYDE	192	Digital Systems	
GENE	120	First-Year Eng Seminar	
SYDE	223	Data Structures & Algorithms	
CLAS	104	Classical Mythology	
Term Averaç	ge: N/A	Decision:	
Winter 2025			
PD	19	Tactics for Workplace Success	CR
COOP	1	Co-operative Work Term	CR
Term Averag	ge: N/A	Decision:	
Fall 2024			
SYDE	161	Intro Design	75
SYDE	111	Calculus 1	76
SYDE	113	Elementary Engineering Math	76
GENE	119	First-Year Engineering Seminar	
SYDE	121	Digital Computation	82
SYDE	101L	Communications: Visualization	77
SYDE	181	Physics 1: Statics	82
SYDE	101	Communications: Written & Oral	83
Term Average: 78.73		Decision: Good Standing	

Portfolio

Torque Test Stand UW Reality Labs





SolidWorks Prototype

Final Design

- Created a detailed SolidWorks assembly and used Version control on Fusion360 to test torque force of multiple finger prototypes, two motor types, and gearboxes with varying ratios (5:1, 10:1, 20:1)
- Designed Gearboxes, and optimized GD&T for load cell and finger placements.
- Programmed Torque stand using ESP32 with Arduino IDE in C
- **Performed structural and motion analysis using FEA in SolidWorks**, ensuring the frame could withstand strong motor outputs of up to 20 lbs force

Component Breakdown







Gearbox

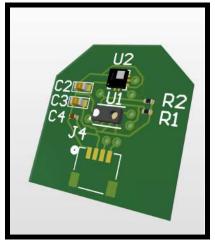
Finger Prototype

Magnetic Encoder Mount

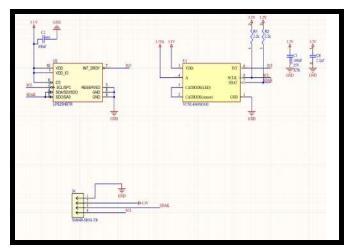
- Custom Designed gearbox to reduce load on motors and aid in proper finger actuation on the device
- Magnetic Encoder implementation to track gimbal motor positioning
- Finger prototype design using tendon actuation and pin joints allowing for 2 DOF

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VCNL4040 + LPS25HB Breakout Board UW Reality Labs







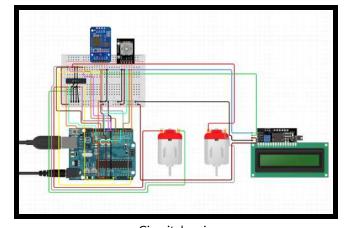
Schematic

- Created a light + pressure sensor for finger tips of humanoid robot using **Altium**
- Optimized routing and component placement for compactness to optimize for
- Tested and cleaned up sensor data in C and translated I2C to CAN bus using ESP32
- Applied engineering principles and user feedback to iteratively adjust the design for enhanced functionality.

Rabbit Medicine Dispenser



Fusion360 Prototype



Circuit drawing

- Built a time-triggered automation system using Arduino Uno, a DS3231 RTC module, and dual DC motors to dispense medicine at 7:00 AM, 3:00 PM, and 11:00 PM reliably every day in C
- Designed and wired an integrated circuit using RTC, I2C LCD and Motor drivers.
- Implemented user feedback via an LCD screen displaying current time and status ("Ready", "Dispensing...", "Done").

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This job is funded by the Government of Canada as advertised in the job posting. To be eligible you must be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or a protected person defined by the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act. Do you meet this requirement?

Are you open to an 8 months co-op? Yes