



## University of Toledo

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As an incoming freshman, the mandatory co-op program was one of the high points of attending the University of Toledo College of Engineering. Coming from a small community, I was hesitant to travel away from home, and had voiced these concerns to the faculty in our college. Thanks to their advice and encouragement, I had a great international experience during my two co-op semesters at a major spine research hospital in Arhaus, Denmark. I was able to participate in cutting-edge research on a day-to-day basis with a fine group of engineers, doctors, and scientists. Not only did my co-op experience help me build my professional confidence, but I also had the wonderful opportunity to experience another culture living with my host family in Denmark. I truly believe that the experience I gained in Denmark led to my third co-op at Pfizer Pharmaceuticals and my full-time placement at North American Science Associates.

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