

## Teaching & Learning

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# One engineer's journey from Dubai to the Northwest Territories

El Hassan Abdel Fattah is graduating in mechanical engineering June 12 after an undergraduate adventure that saw him learning and working over a span of more than 14,000 kms and in temperatures that covered 100 degrees on the thermometer, from -50 C to 50 C.

The high-achieving student, who grew up in Dubai and started university in neighbouring Sharjah before moving to Canada, finished his final year with a perfect 12.0 average, and is set to start a full-time permanent job at Kraft Foods' Hamilton confectionery plant - the same facility where he had completed a co-op term as a plant engineering intern last summer.

Prior to that, he had completed co-op terms in locales ranging from Sharjah to Norman Wells, NWT, near the Arctic Circle. In Norman Wells, Fattah immersed himself in Dene and Metis culture, and volunteered as a tutor with local high school students.

Fattah talks about his experience below:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=Oai20mZq7SQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=Oai20mZq7SQ)



**From Dubai to the Arctic Circle**