

# MITACS

## CONNECTING YOUR STUDENTS TO THE WORLD OF INNOVATION

Training your students, sharpening their research and work skills, helping them acquire on-the-job experience — these are challenges college and polytechnic programs wrestle with every day.

Mitacs can help with this — and more.

We are a national, independent, not-for-profit organization that fosters growth and innovation. We connect colleges and polytechnics with companies and not-for-profit organizations that need student internships from all disciplines. Students get to work in their fields and gain real-world experience and companies get much-needed expertise.

### SUPPORTING YOUR JOURNEY

- > We understand what you need to support your innovation-focussed, work-integrated learning (WIL) co-op placements
- > We can help find the right project for the right student
- > We provide financial support to colleges and polytechnics for innovative WIL internships and co-op placements

### BRINGING YOU OUR EXPERIENCE

- **21 years** in operation
- **117** post-secondary partners including **46** colleges & polytechnics
- **33,000+** researchers in our network
- **\$250M** was invested in 2019–2020
- **6,000+** industry partners

### THE OUTCOMES FOR YOU AND YOUR STUDENTS

- > Applied research opportunities for students leading to increased employability and research skills
- > Grants to the institution for students: Each 16-week internship is valued at \$15,000, with the industry partner contributing \$7,500 and Mitacs \$7,500 (minimum \$10,000 for student stipend plus \$5,000 for expenses)
- > If only basic student stipend is needed, the grant becomes \$5,000 from industry/NFP partner and \$5,000 from Mitacs
- > World-class collaborations between academia and industry
- > Supports all disciplines
- > Strengthened R&D capacity for companies and not-for-profit organizations
- > Leverage your existing industry and not-for-profit connections through innovation-focussed WIL internships and co-op placements
- > Leverage flexible expenses (similar to NSERC guidelines) to offset select instructor involvement and project costs of up to \$5,000 per student per internship





## THE PROGRAM

### How the Accelerate program works

- > Each internship is at least 16 weeks in length
- > Each college student can hold up to 3 internships
- > A single application can be submitted for multiple interns, multiple companies/NFPs and/or multiple terms.
- > Student time interaction between partner and academic institution is flexible
- > Student stipends start at \$10,000 per 16-week term
- > Funding from \$15,000 to multi-million \$ with multiple funding options available
- > Innovative WIL internship and co-op placement collaborations with private sector or not-for-profit partners
- > Open to colleges and polytechnics across the country
- > Open to all academic disciplines
- > Applications accepted any time
- > High application success rate (> 95%)
- > Proposals should be submitted three months in advance of academic term start dates if you want students to start Jan. 1, May 1 and/or Sept. 1

## THE BENEFITS

- > All diploma and undergrad students are eligible
- > Opportunity to group companies and/or not-for-profit projects into single proposals
- > Mitacs will help guide you through the application process
- > Colleges can utilize up to \$5,000 per intern per term to manage projects and instructor involvement
- > You determine the competitive student stipend (minimum stipend is \$10K for 16-week internship)
- > You recommend college & polytechnic reviewers to evaluate college & polytechnic submissions

“We owe much of the success of our internship program to the Mitacs program. It has helped us to significantly expand our connections to industry and has provided many new opportunities for student placements.”

— Ryan Young, Associate Dean, JR Shaw School of Business,  
Northern Alberta Institute of Technology



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