

## Entering Canada as a participant in the 2018 Globalink Research Internship

Congratulations on being selected as a 2018 Globalink research intern.

This document is intended for students whose Globalink internships are fewer than 120 days and provides information on required internship documentation.

Mitacs **CANNOT** advise you on how to complete your immigration documentation. Only lawyers, licensed Immigration Consultants, or notaries of Quebec can provide immigration advice to non-Canadian citizens seeking to enter Canada. If you require assistance with your application, the following resources can help you locate qualified assistance:

- Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/helpcentre/index-featured-can.asph>
- Immigration Consultants of Canada Regulatory Council: <http://www.icrc-crcic.ca/home.cfm>
- Canadian embassy in your region: <http://travel.gc.ca/assistance/embassies>
- Provincial and territorial law societies:  
<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/representative/verify-rep.asp>

Before starting, make sure you **have proof of identity**. Globalink interns must hold a valid passport or travel document. Your passport's expiry date must not be earlier than six months after your anticipated departure date from Canada.

Getting authorized to work in Canada requires the following three steps:

- **Collecting documents**
- **Filling out your application**
- **Arriving in Canada**

### Collecting documents

Globalink participants will need to either apply for a temporary resident visa or an electronic travel authorization (eTA). Read the [Entry Requirements by Country](#) and use the [Find out if you need a Visa](#) tool to determine whether your citizenship and situation allow you to be visa-exempt.

To apply for a temporary resident visa, read and follow the [Applying for a Visitor Visa \(Temporary Resident Visa – IMM 5256\)](#) instructions.

If your country of passport does not require a visa, you may need an eTA. To determine if you need an eTA and to learn how to apply for one, visit:

- [Who is required to have an eTA?](#)
- [How to apply for an eTA](#)

Examples of instances where an eTA may not be required:

- You are arriving in Canada by land or sea *and* your passport was issued by a visa-exempt country
- You are a citizen of the United States
- You were previously issued an eTA that is still valid

Individuals of some countries are required to provide biometric information at the time that they apply for a visa. If you are a citizen of **Saudi Arabia** or **Tunisia**, you will need to provide biometric information. For more information on how to provide this, review the [Find out if you need to give biometrics](#) online tool.

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### Filling out your application

Globalink interns are **not** required to apply for the following:

- Labour Market Impact Assessment
- Work permit
- Certificat d'acceptation du Québec (for interns at universities in Quebec)

You must apply for your temporary resident visa or eTA from outside Canada.

- eTA: Allow at least **four weeks** before your scheduled departure for your application to be processed
- Visa: Allow at least **eight weeks** before your scheduled departure for your application to be processed
- Visa: Allow at least **12 weeks** before your scheduled departure if you:
  - Are applying from outside your country of citizenship
  - Are required to provide biometric information (**Saudi Arabian and Tunisian** citizens only)
  - Are travelling with family members
  - Will be working with human subjects in a hospital, clinical setting, nursing home, or daycare. You may also be required to undergo a medical examination.

We strongly suggest that you wait until your visa or eTA have been approved before making travel arrangements. Mitacs will not be responsible for costs incurred due to delays associated with application changes.

You will need to pay an application fee when you submit your application. This fee will be reimbursed to you according to the information provided in your Globalink Student Platform:

- Citizens of visa-required countries who require biometrics: \$185
- Citizens of visa-required countries who do not require biometrics: \$100
- Citizens of visa-exempt countries who are not United States citizens: \$7
- Citizens of the United States: \$0

You can submit your application in two ways: online (strongly recommended) or in-person. You can find more information on the [Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada website](#).

Most Globalink interns do NOT require a medical examination. [If you require one due to your work assignment or personal medical history](#), it must be completed before you enter Canada and performed by [pre-authorized panel physicians selected by the Canadian government](#). Mitacs does not pay for medical examinations by panel physicians.

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## Arriving in Canada

As a Globalink intern entering Canada for 120 consecutive days or less, you are eligible to apply for a work permit exemption under the [Global Skills Strategy](#). Prior to leaving your home country, read about the [120-day work permit exemption for researchers](#). Upon arrival at the Port of Entry, you will be making a request for a work permit exemption.

Before you board the plane, ensure you have the following items in your carry-on luggage:

- A copy of your Globalink Research Internship Award letter in its entirety, including appendices
- Your passport and any other document required to enter Canada

When you arrive in Canada, you will be interviewed by Customs and Immigration, and officers of the Canada Border Service Agency or Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada will review your documents.