

Economic and national security risk considerations in Mitacs funding decisions

Mitacs recommends that all applicants and program participants consult the Government of Canada's [Safeguarding Your Research Portal](#) for guidelines and resources on issues related to research and national security.

Mitacs reserves the right to decline funding towards a proposed or ongoing project for any of the following reasons:

- The ability of the partner organization to use / benefit from the project results is unclear, or the ultimate beneficiary of the project is unclear
- IP originating from a Canadian academic institution (e.g., background IP owned by the academic institution) may be transferred to (or replicated for) a foreign organization or government
- A member of the project team has a conflict of interest related to a foreign organization
- Information is brought to Mitacs attention indicating that the partner organization has ties to government/military/other organizations that could negatively impact Canada's national security
- Information is brought to Mitacs attention indicating that participants have violated the [Export and Imports Permits Act](#)
- Information is brought to Mitacs attention indicating that a participant or partner organization has been charged, admitted guilt, or has been convicted of fraud, bribery, espionage, corruption, or other criminal acts

Mitacs may request further information from applicants and/or program participants if concerns arise regarding these points. For example, Mitacs may request:

- A statement from the partner organization(s) containing information such as:
 - Number of full-time permanent staff (excluding contractors and consultants)
 - Number of full-time permanent R&D staff (excluding contractors, consultants, and academic research collaborators)
 - List of parents, subsidiaries, and affiliates
- A copy of the IP agreement between the academic institution(s) and the partner organization(s), if it has not already been provided to Mitacs