

## Mitacs Program Terms and Conditions update

### Purpose

Mitacs's Program Terms and Conditions (T&Cs), last updated in 2021, have been streamlined to improve the user experience with one version for all participants (interns, academic supervisors and partner organizations) and one version for academic institutions. Both versions are applicable to all programs with no need to select a program name, supporting the modernization and streamlining of Mitacs's programs and application process.

### Updates

In addition to a more streamlined structure, the updated T&Cs include strengthened language to increase clarity, close gaps identified in the previous T&Cs and better protect Mitacs and all stakeholders. The T&Cs also refer directly to other Mitacs policies posted on our website. Key updates are listed below:

| Update  | Purpose   |
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| <a href="#">Program and Research Policies Page</a>  | Ensure awareness of all Mitacs policies for program participants  |
| <b>References to specific policies:</b>   | Highlight policies of greatest importance   |
| <a href="#">Project Cancellation Policy</a>   | Provide improved clarity about cancellation rules for all programs, including when Mitacs may cancel a project and rules for participants who wish to cancel their own projects   |
| <a href="#">IP Policy &amp; Research Security Plan</a>  | Replace older language on these topics in the T&Cs which predated these items   |
| <a href="#">Tri-Agency Open Access Policy on Publications &amp; Tri-Agency Policy on Research Data Management</a> | Required by our funders in accordance with modern standards in the research funding community   |
| <b>Enhanced language about liability and indemnity</b>  | Add clarity and protect Mitacs and our stakeholders   |
| <b>Reference to special offers</b>  | Avoid misunderstandings about conditions on special offers  |
| <b>Augmented data use consent</b>   | Enable research by Mitacs. Specific text is:<br><i>You acknowledge that information supplied in this Proposal may be made available to internal and/or external researchers for the purpose of advancing knowledge on matters related to Mitacs's core mission, such as innovation and skill development. All researchers are required to preserve the privacy and confidentiality of all Participants and Proposal data. Publications resulting from this work do not contain personal identifiable information.</i> |
| <b>Statement that: "Inter-academic institution transfers are not permitted."</b>                                  | Relocated from award letters  |
| <b>Dispute resolution</b>   | New section added to ensure clarity of responsibilities   |