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Application ID: [Application ID]

**GLOBALINK RESEARCH INTERNSHIP (GRI) AWARD LETTER
DISBURSEMENT INFORMATION AND PLACEMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Dear [Student Full Name],

Congratulations! You have been selected by Mitacs and Professor [host professor full name] from [Canadian university name] to receive a 2026 Globalink Research Internship award. You are therefore invited to participate in a research project at [Canadian university name]. Pursuant to an agreement with [Canadian university name], Mitacs will administer your funding grant.

Mitacs Globalink Research Internship is a competitive program that pairs top-ranked international students with specific research expertise with faculty at Canadian academic institutions for a twelve (12) week research project of mutual interest between May and October 2026. You have been selected by your Canadian host faculty project supervisor due to your background and skills in the research area and the unique contribution you will be making to the research during your stay. **The skills required for your role (as described in the research description below) were found to clearly match your skills set, education, and research experience.**

Research internship details

University/Institution:	[Canadian university name]
Host professor:	[Host professor full name]
Research project title:	[Project title]
NOC code:	41201 Post-secondary teaching and research assistants
Research description:	[Project description]
During your internship, you will:	[Student Roles]
Start date:	Any time between May 1 and July 31, 2026 (unless otherwise approved by Mitacs)
End date:	No later than October 31, 2026 (unless otherwise approved by Mitacs).
Duration of research:	12 weeks - Exact dates must be decided by intern and host professor. Shortened durations must be agreed upon with the host professor and Mitacs. Durations of more than twelve (12) weeks will not be permitted.



Thanks to our funding partners:



Merci à nos bailleurs de fonds.

**Hours of work:**

Forty (40) hours per week

Your award covers the full twelve (12) week period of your internship unless you fall short of the full twelve (12) weeks, in which case the award amount will be prorated according to time actually spent contributing to the internship project.

As an intern, pursuant to Canada's *Immigrant and Refugee Protection Regulations* sA25.2, you are entering Canada to undertake activities classified as "work". As such, you may apply under a work permit exempt category called the [Global Skills Strategy](#).

In order to participate in this program, you are required to request a Visitor Record at the first Canadian port of entry and ask them to add a remark stating: "120-day short term work permit exemption – Public policy". You must obtain a visitor record at the border so that it is well documented that you are allowed to work in Canada. Otherwise, you may face issues like being unable to open a bank account or apply for a Social Insurance Number (SIN).

By accepting this internship and agreeing to this Award Letter, you will follow all clauses as laid out in *Appendix A: Terms and Conditions — Obligations of the Globalink research intern*.

You will need to follow all travel and public health requirements as mandated by the Public Health Agency of Canada, your host province, and your host institution in Canada. The following requirements are subject to change at any time; please ensure you keep yourself updated regularly: <https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid/travel-restrictions/covid-vaccinated-travellers-entering-canada#entry-vaccinated>.

Upon arrival at the Port of Entry in Canada, you should have supporting documents, including (but not limited to):

- a printed copy of this Award Letter in its entirety
- your valid passport (at least 6 months validity) and any other document required to enter Canada (see <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/visit-canada/entry-requirements-country.html>)
- proof that you meet requirements for the internship being offered and that you will play a significant role in the research project (such as proof of work experience in that research field), your IRCC approved medical exam (if applicable) and education (certified translations of your transcripts, diplomas and or corresponding certificates)
- necessary immigration documentation (i.e., letter of introduction, biometrics, visitor visa, eTA, if applicable)
- A printed copy of this webpage: [Short-term \(120-day\) work permit exemption for researchers - Canada.ca](#)



We look forward to welcoming you as a temporary member of the research team at [Canadian university name].

[Insert acknowledgement from spreadsheet]

Mitacs Globalink is delivered by Mitacs on behalf of the following academic partners:

Acadia University	Polytechnique Montréal	Université Laval
Algoma University	Queen's University	University of Alberta
Athabasca University	Royal Military College of Canada	University of British Columbia
Brandon University	Royal Roads University	University of Calgary
Brock University	Toronto Metropolitan University	University of Guelph
Cape Breton University	(previously Ryerson University)	University of Lethbridge
Carleton University	Saint Mary's University	University of Manitoba
Concordia University	Saint Paul University	University of New Brunswick
Concordia University of	Simon Fraser University	University of Northern British
Edmonton	St. Francis Xavier University	Columbia
Dalhousie University	St. Thomas University	University of Ottawa
École de technologie supérieure	TÉLUQ-Université du Québec	University of Prince Edward
Emily Carr University of Art +	Thompson Rivers University	Island
Design	Trent University	University of Regina
HEC Montréal	Trinity Western University	University of Saskatchewan
INRS	Université Bishop	University of the Fraser Valley
Lakehead University	Université de Moncton	University of Toronto
Laurentian University	Université de Montréal	University of Victoria
MacEwan University	Université de Sherbrooke	University of Waterloo
McGill University	Université du Québec à	University of Windsor
McMaster University	Chicoutimi	University of Winnipeg
Memorial University of	Université du Québec à Montréal	Vancouver Island University
Newfoundland	Université du Québec à Rimouski	Western University
Mount Allison University	Université du Québec à Trois-	Wilfrid Laurier University
Mount Royal University	Rivières	York University
Mount Saint Vincent University	Université du Québec en Abitibi-	
OCAD University	Témiscamingue	
Ontario Tech University	Université du Québec en	
	Outaouais	

Sincerely,

Eva Reddington
Director, Implementation & Experience
Programs & Skills



Enclosure:

Appendix A: Terms and Conditions

Appendix B: Letter to CBSA officer

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Appendix A: Terms and Conditions

Obligations of Mitacs

a) Financial arrangements

Mitacs will be responsible for providing the following:

1. An airfare subsidy of Can\$1,500
2. A stipend of Can\$175 to contribute to the cost of transportation from the Canadian airport to accommodation, unless otherwise arranged by your host institution
3. A living stipend of Can\$200 per week, for the duration of your research internship, up to a **maximum** of 12 weeks or 84 days
4. A housing allowance of Can\$350 per week, for the duration of your research internship, up to a **maximum** of 12 weeks or 84 days
5. Payment or reimbursement of student or administrative fees charged by your Canadian host institution, if applicable.
6. Reimbursement of immigration document application fees (as required to participate in the research internship — up to a maximum of Can\$240). The amount provided to you will be predetermined by Mitacs based on your citizenship and in accordance with the Citizenship and Immigration application [fee schedule](#). Other costs associated with visas, including but not limited to, medical examination fees, vaccines, etc. are **not** eligible for reimbursement.
7. Ensuring that you receive Canadian medical insurance for your internship dates, as long as you have provided Mitacs these dates when requested. You may or may not receive this before you arrive in Canada.

Under Mitacs's funding policy, we are unable to provide you with funds in advance of your internship start date. In order to receive funding, all interns must:

- possess a valid visitor record indicating that they are authorized to work in Canada for the duration of their internship; and
- open a Canadian bank account.

Funds will be disbursed in three (3) installments to the intern; dates and exact amounts will be provided via email to the intern in April 2026.

b) Local arrangements

You are responsible for finding and booking your own accommodations for the duration of your stay in Canada. Mitacs will provide you with tools to assist you with your search.



Mitacs will assume responsibility for the following aspects of your local arrangements:

1. Provision of emergency medical insurance to cover you for the duration of your research internship, plus 2 days before and 2 days after (applicable to Mitacs-provided insurance only)
2. Professional skills courses and/or networking opportunities to enhance the experience of your research internship
3. Provision of a Mitacs-approved Globalink Mentor for you to consult with about issues and questions that arise during your stay in Canada and act as your emergency contact. (Please note that the University of Alberta provides their own mentors.)
4. Other activities at the sole discretion of Mitacs

c) Mitacs Project Cancellation Policy

Mitacs will make its best effort to provide at least 30 days' notice in the rare event of a cancellation. Participants will not hold Mitacs liable for any losses due to a cancellation. Mitacs reserves the right to decline, at any point, funding towards a proposed or ongoing project on the grounds of research security concerns

Obligations of the Globalink research intern

Conditions of the award

1. You are required to participate in the program for 12 consecutive weeks, working 40 hours per week for your host supervisor on the research project, unless otherwise arranged with the Canadian supervisor and approved by Mitacs. You are also required to report any absences to your supervisor, whether due to illness or other obligations including attending Mitacs courses or events. Mitacs may terminate your internship at our discretion if you do not adhere to these guidelines. If the duration of your internship needs to be shortened, contact Mitacs at helpdesk@mitacs.ca.
2. This award is contingent on the permission of Canadian governments, the host institution, as well as the government of your home country for free movement of interns across borders for research purposes. In circumstances where you are not able to travel to Canada, this Award Letter will be terminated. Please note that you will not be reimbursed any costs if you are not able to travel to Canada to carry out your internship. Please ensure you follow Mitacs's instructions in preparation for your internship and that such costs have not been incurred against the advice of Mitacs.
3. Upon your arrival in Canada and throughout your stay, you are required to follow all public health protocols and guidelines of the federal government, the province in which you are hosted and the Canadian institution at which you are performing research (as applicable). You must also comply with all instructions provided by Mitacs including, but not limited to,

arrangement of flights and housing, arrangement of immigration documentation, dates of travel, etc. Mitacs will not cover any costs incurred where the intern has not complied with instructions delivered through Mitacs.

4. You are required to complete a mid-term survey and a final survey administered by Mitacs to rate your experience of the program and to receive a final certificate of completion.
5. You are required to check with your home institution regarding any conditions or actions involved with participating in the GRI program.
6. Participants of the GRI program may only be awarded one internship per lifetime.
7. Internships are required to be completed in person. Virtual or hybrid arrangements are not allowed. Mitacs reserves the right to approve a conversion to virtual delivery only in exceptional cases.

Immigration

8. Please be advised that Mitacs is not your immigration representative and cannot provide advice on your immigration case. Mitacs will provide you with information as available on the public government of Canada immigration website so that it may help you navigate through the immigration process, but Mitacs cannot guarantee nor make any representation regarding positive immigration outcomes.
9. Please be advised that immigration requirements vary depending on your profile and country of origin. Therefore, all wait times listed on the Canadian immigration website: <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/application/check-processing-times.html> are subjective. It is your responsibility to start your process as soon as possible and to research all immigration requirements when applying as these can change at any time.

It is your sole responsibility to fully comply with all immigration, travel and customs requirements of any country/region through which you may travel on your way to and from Canada.



Appendix B: Letter to Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) officer for Globalink Research Internship intern upon arrival in Canada

February 2026

RE: Issuance of the 120-day visitor record for **[STUDENT FULL NAME]** participation in the Mitacs Globalink Research Internship program

Dear Officer,

This applicant is applying under the 120-day short-term work permit exemption category for the Mitacs Globalink Research Internship researcher position. **Please see attached Award Letter for full details of the research and host faculty supervisor at the Canadian university.**

As required by the 120-day short-term work permit exemption category, the applicant:

- is coming to perform work as a researcher for 120 consecutive days or less
- has not been granted an exemption under the public policy facilitating entry into Canada for short term work in the last 6-12 months (unless indicated otherwise by the applicant or by your records).
- has an offer from a Canadian institution which is a publicly funded degree-granting institution (at the university level) or its affiliated research institution.

Please, kindly provide the applicant with a visitor record and please add the remarks: “authorized to work in Canada as a researcher for 120 days”. This document is essential for them to continue their internship. Without it, they may be required to discontinue any work activities, as there is no way for us to confirm their authorization.

Failure to obtain this authorization may prevent the applicant from applying for a SIN and/or opening a Canadian bank account. Both of these are requirements for the intern to participate in the Mitacs Globalink Research Internship program.

Also, please note that as per “document issuance” section of your website:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/operational-bulletins-manuals/temporary-residents/foreign-workers/researcher-exemption.html> : “Where the border ... officer has determined that the foreign national is work permit exempt, they are **requested** to document the foreign national’s entry by the issuance of a visitor record”

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Aspinwall".



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