

Mitacs Newsletter for Research Administrators

Welcome to the first edition of the Mitacs Newsletter for Research Administrators. This new quarterly newsletter is part of our ongoing effort to better support and serve our institutional stakeholders by sharing timely updates, policy changes, and resources in one place.

In this issue, you'll find highlights from across Mitacs, including program updates, a new international partnership supporting quantum research, upcoming sector-specific funding calls, key policy and administrative changes, and the latest developments in Mitacs Plus. We're also introducing a set of standard sections you can expect each quarter: Program Offerings, Key Changes You Need to Know, Mitacs Plus, and Compliance Corner.

Program Offerings

Mitacs connects businesses with top research talent through collaborative fellowships and internships, providing funding and access to resource networks to help drive success.

Explore our program offerings: <https://www.mitacs.ca/programs-resources/programs/>

Ready to apply? Contact your [Mitacs Advisor](#).

Stay tuned for upcoming sector-specific calls

Through our programs, in 2026-27 Mitacs will include targeted calls for postdoctoral researchers, as well as sector-specific calls in areas such as quantum, AI adoption, and defense and security.

In support of Canada's Defence Industrial Strategy (DIS), Mitacs will mobilize talent to help advance research in strategic areas identified by the DIS as sovereign capabilities, including aerospace, digital systems, quantum, space, and sensors. Applied research teams (academic researchers, graduate students/postdoctoral fellows and partner organizations) with projects in these areas will have the opportunity to apply for enhanced funding through Mitacs' flagship Accelerate program. Applications will be open from June 1 to August 17, 2026. **More details will be available soon.**

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Global Excellence Award

Mitacs is extending the deadline to apply for the Global Excellence Award, giving applicants another opportunity to submit proposals for consideration until September 11, 2026. For more information please visit our website: [Mitacs Accelerate Global Excellence Award - Mitacs](#)

New Partnership between Mitacs and Korea's Quantum Information Research Support Center (QCenter)

This new partnership will strengthen collaboration between Canada and Korea in quantum research and talent development. This opportunity offers a strong funding model for Canadian universities and research institutes to host Korean interns while positioning Canada as an attractive destination for top talent. QCenter will also promote the Mitacs [Globalink Research Award \(GRA\)](#) program within the Korean academic research ecosystem to encourage bilateral collaborations with Canada.

In FY2026-27, GRA applications in the field of quantum sciences and quantum related technologies are excluded from your institution's GRA allocation; there is no limit per institution.

Please note that Mitacs and QCenter programs are complementary and managed separately. Interested applicants need to apply to both Mitacs GRA and QCenter. Funding is provided to successful applicants by both Mitacs GRA and QCenter.

Details about Korea's QCenter funding opportunity can be found on our website: [Globalink Research Award \(GRA\)](#). For more information about the partnership, read our news release: [Mitacs and Korea's QCenter launch new collaboration to advance quantum technologies and innovation](#).

Key Changes You Need to Know

Travel and Hospitality Policy

Effective immediately, Mitacs' Travel and Hospitality Policy for program participants will apply to Accelerate and BSI awards as follows:

- Hospitality expenses are no longer an eligible use of Mitacs funds.

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- Travel expenses remain an eligible use of the research expenses portion of Accelerate and BSI awards, subject to the following requirements:
 - Postsecondary institutions and research institutes will continue to have responsibility to determine when expenses, including travel, are eligible as a direct cost of the research or innovation project, in accordance with the [Tri-Agency Guide on Financial Administration](#).
 - Expenses must now also align with the Modern Travel Practices of the [National Joint Council Travel Directive \(NJC\)](#).
 - Travel expenses are now limited to **\$2,500 per 4–6 month** internship unit.
- Globalink processes remain unchanged.
- [Travel subsidies](#) will continue to be available, where needed, to reduce barriers to participation. Applications can be submitted through the existing process.

Eligible expenses for Mitacs programs are outlined on our website [[Mitacs Policies: Corporate and Program Guidelines - Mitacs](#)]. Please direct program participants to this page for the most complete and up-to-date guidance.

Streamlined Administration for Joint Mitacs and NSERC Applications

Joint Mitacs and NSERC applications are submitted using the 2-part process. To streamline administration and financial processes, we are introducing a simplified account and reporting structure:

- A single account under the Part 1 Mitacs project number (IT#####) may be opened.
- All awarded funds from each associated Part 2 can be deposited into this same account. Note that Part 2 Notices of Awards will reference both the Part 1 & Part 2 Mitacs project numbers (ITXXXXX).
- All financial reporting may be consolidated and submitted from this single account using the standard Form 300.

Institutions have the discretion to deposit the awarded funds into separate accounts for each Part 2 award and report separately, if preferred.

Discontinuation of cluster funding model

Mitacs is retiring the cluster funding model (\$13,333 per internship unit) as well as the Accelerate Fellowship offering. **Effective immediately, no new applications using the cluster funding model or**

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Accelerate Fellowship should be initiated. Applications already submitted or approved under the cluster funding model or Accelerate Fellowships will continue under their approved terms and standard Mitacs criteria.

Mitacs Plus

Mitacs is embarking on a multi-year enterprise transformation journey to improve our technology, processes and how we work with stakeholders. This includes the launch of a new application portal, Mitacs Plus. Thank you for your patience and feedback as we continue to improve the application process and strengthen efficiency and transparency in post-award management.

During this transition phase, we have concurrent application intake processes for the Accelerate program. Please speak to one of our [Mitacs Advisors](#) to find out which application platform to use at this time.

What is Mitacs Plus?

[Discover Mitacs Plus - Our new self-serve application portal](#)

Latest features & enhancements in Mitacs Plus:

- The application portal is fully bilingual; Each user can access the portal in their language of preference: English or French.
- Projects can include either 4-month or 6-month internship units.
- Billing details have moved to the project level.
- Next month:
 - Multiple Academic Supervisors can be included in applications.
 - Changes to Start Dates can be requested directly on the portal.

Coming up next quarter in Mitacs Plus:

Read-only (non-signatory) access for ORS representatives who require access to applications and notices of award. We'll be reaching out next quarter to confirm if any new or existing contacts should have this new read-only ORS access level.

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Questions or Feedback?

Enhancements are selected each quarter to increase portal capability and make continuous improvements in response to user feedback. Feedback or questions can be sent to experience@mitacs.ca - our **Client Service & Support (CSS)** team is ready to assist you every step of the way.

Compliance Corner

Conditions of Mitacs Award:

Funds must be allocated according to the internship period(s), stipend/salary allocations, and/or materials/research costs, as outlined on the Notice of Award.

For Accelerate and Business Strategy Internship: Any future installment payments are subject to change and will only be released once partner payment is received at Mitacs and intern eligibility is confirmed.

When to notify Mitacs or Request Approval; retroactive requests may not be eligible:

- Intern change
- Start date change
- Internship ended early
- Stipend decrease
- Account end date extension beyond date listed the Notice of Award

Unspent Funds:

Any unspent portion of the stipend must be returned to Mitacs if the internship ends early, unless prior approval is received to replace the intern.

Any remaining research & material funds may be used by the academic supervisor to supplement the intern's stipend at the Academic Supervisor's discretion. No Mitacs approval required.

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Financial Reporting:

Financial reporting submitted annually for each account by May 31 for each fiscal year until account reached zero balance. Final financial report due within 30 days of the end date of award. Currently the NSERC Form 300 is being used. Additional information may be requested for audit & compliance purposes. The academic supervisor and finance officer must sign the Form 300s and forward to Mitacs once finalized. Please include the Application reference number and project title on the Form 300 and submit to form300@mitacs.ca.

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