

MITACS Accelerate

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The Program

- Provide an internship placement for an eligible student with an eligible host partner
- 4-6 months in length (1 IU)
- \$15,000, matching 50-50 funding
 - \$7,500 from MITACS
 - \$7,500 **plus HST** from the partner
 - **NOTE:** for a limited time only MITACS will pay 75% - so that's only **\$3,750 plus HST** for the host partner
- A research project to address the partner's issues, challenges, opportunities (but not pure market research)
- Projects could be initiated by faculty, students, or partners

Eligible Students

- Undergraduates
- Graduates
- PhDs
- Post-Docs
- Must be registered full time, and registered during the period of the internship
 - Graduating students cannot hold an internship
- Projects can be done during academic terms
 - Students **do not** have to be “employed” full time
- Undergrads must have a B avg
- Canadian citizens, permanent residents, international students

Eligible Host Partners

- Must have legal registered status
 - Companies
 - Not-for-profits
 - Municipalities
 - Hospitals
 - First Nations
 - Industry associations
- Federal and provincial departments and agencies **are not eligible**
- When in doubt, we will verify eligibility before starting
- Student must spend 50% of their time with the host
 - Lots of flexibility, not audited, pandemic dependent, can be virtual or in-person

Eligible Faculty

- Must be eligible to hold tri-agency funding
 - Tenured
 - Tenure-track
 - Adjunct
 - Senior Research Professor
 - Multi-year LTA
- Awards are made in the name of the faculty supervisor
 - We open a research account
 - Faculty member responsible for managing the account and paying all expenses

Eligible Expenses

- Student stipend
 - Minimum \$10,000, maximum \$15,000
 - Can be paid as wages plus benefits (biweekly or lump sums) or as non-employment stipend (lump sums with no benefits)
- All other direct costs of research
 - Supplies, materials, software, disposal equipment
 - Conferences, publication costs
 - Participant expenses
- Other paid research assistants (another student)

How the Money Flows...

- Host partner gets an invoice from MITACS
 - Host partner sends cheque (including HST) to MITACS
 - MITACS sends full \$15,000 to STFX
 - STFX opens a research account
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- If the host partner cannot afford some or all of their required share, let's discuss, we can make suggestions
 - MITACS does not care where the host partner gets its money

Application Details

- Application form with detailed research / project proposal
- Budget form
- Student CV
 - Use **either** MITACS template, or any CV version / free form
- Signatures from supervisor, student, research office, and host partner representative

- Note: You can stack Internship Units:
 - Multiple students, same time period and host
 - Multiple students, multiple consecutive time periods, same host
 - Single student, multiple consecutive time periods, same host

Paperwork

- Application
 - Submitted to our MITACS officer
- Peer-review: approved, or revisions requested
 - Decisions take 4-8 weeks
- Award notice
- Start date must be anytime within 12 months of approval date
 - Cannot start before approval date
- All participants complete an end of project survey for MITACS
- Student submits a report to MITACS

Research Office

- Involve Research Office staff early
 - Verify eligibility of student, host partner, etc
 - Clarify project idea – must be a research project
- Review (more than once if needed) your application, provide edits and feedback
- Assist with budget EXCEL template
- Facilitate signatures on final version and submit on your behalf

MITACS Information

- [MITACS Accelerate](#)
- [Downloadable](#) application and guide
- Searchable funded projects [database](#)