

# MITACS

## Accelerate

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### Subject Area:

All disciplines.

### Intended to:

- Support college-industry R&D collaborations through research-based four-month student internships.

### Conditions:

- Projects are funded in four-month internship units and may be scaled up as much as needed. Each student can complete up to three internship units.
- Projects require an academic supervisor to oversee the project; this may be faculty or staff at the college.
- Interns may be students (full- or part-time), or recent graduates (within 2 years of graduation).
- Interns can spread their four months of work over a six-month period.
- Interns are employed by the college. They are expected to spend approximately 50% of their internship on-site at the Partner organization.
- Partners can be eligible businesses and not-for-profit (NFP) organizations, municipalities or hospitals operating in Canada. Projects with an NFP, municipality or hospital partner must demonstrate an economic or productivity orientation.
- Proposals must involve research, i.e. answering a question that has not been answered previously or otherwise making a new contribution by developing new techniques to solve an existing problem, applying and/or combining existing techniques to solve a new problem, or analyzing new or existing data to generate new knowledge. More details are available on the [Mitacs website](#).
- Intellectual Property (IP) is governed according to the Sheridan College IP policy. Note that Sheridan's standard agreement is for IP to be industry-owned.
- **Sheridan's MITACS Accelerate Umbrella Grant:**
  - The MITACS Umbrella grant supports research-based internships within **Health and Well-Being**, including individual physical and mental well-being, vibrant and inclusive communities, technologies for individual and community well-being, health sciences, mobile health, and health services and systems.
  - Proposals to the MITACS Umbrella grant have a simplified two-page application, and the opportunity to leverage up to \$30K from the [NSERC Mobilize Seed Fund](#).

### Value:

- The College receives \$15,000 for each four-month internship unit (\$7,500 from Mitacs and \$7,500 from the Partner).
- Of this total, the student must be paid a stipend/salary of at least \$10,000 per unit. The remainder may be used for project costs (e.g. materials, course release).

**Company Contribution**<sup>1 2</sup>: \$7,500 per internship unit. For projects with six or more units and three or more interns, Partners may contribute \$6,000 per unit.

<sup>1</sup>Applicants to [NSERC ARD](#) may include in their ARD application a request for additional support through Mitacs Accelerate internships as a component of the training of highly qualified

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personnel (HQP). Part of the company's matching contribution for the ARD can also be used as matching for the Mitacs internship(s) (\$7,500 per 4-month internship).

<sup>2</sup> Applicants to [NSERC Mobilize Seed Fund](#) (MSF) may include in their MSF application a request for additional support through the MITACS Accelerate Umbrella fund as a component of the training of highly qualified personnel (HQP). The company's matching contribution for the Mitacs internship(s) (\$7500 per 4-month internship) can be used as their match for the MSF.

**Sheridan's Contribution:** Not required

**Application Deadline:** No deadline

**Notification of Award Decision:** 6-8 weeks

- **Notification of Award for MITACS Umbrella Grant:** 1-2 weeks

## How to Apply:

To begin the application process for a MITACS grant, please download the **Expression of Interest Form** (for Faculty Researchers) or **Grant Application Summary Form** (for Research Centres) from [Sheridan Central](#), or email [generator@sheridancollege.ca](mailto:generator@sheridancollege.ca) to discuss your research idea. Projects must also be vetted by a Mitacs Business Development Manager prior to submission. The Principal Investigator, Partner and student develop the application and share it with Sheridan Generator Support Office who will review and submit the application.

- To apply for a MITACS grant as part of a Mobilize Seed Fund (MSF), please see the Mobilize Seed Fund page for guidelines and the application form. Once the MSF project is approved, the Generator Support Office will follow up with the requirements for the MITACS Umbrella application.

## More Information:

[Mitacs website](#)

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