

# 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 two internship units.
- 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 required to spend at least 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 are expected to show novelty and expand the knowledge base in an area that is relevant to the Partner and the academic community. The proposed research results is expected to be published in a peer-reviewed journal or disseminated in a format appropriate to the field. Research projects consisting largely of development are eligible if the applicants expect to be able to publish a paper(s) based on the work.
- Projects in which the intern develops novel software to answer a research question or test a hypothesis are also eligible. It is important clearly show how the results will be evaluated.
- 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.

### 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.

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

\*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 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).

**FOR A LIMITED TIME: Mitacs has reduced the required company cash contribution from small- and medium-sized businesses (SMEs) for the first four months of the project from 50% to 25%. Capacity is limited, so early applications are highly encouraged.**

**Sheridan's Contribution:** Not required

**Application Deadline:** No deadline

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

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## **How to Apply:**

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

## **More Information:**

[Mitacs website](#)

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