

Mitacs

Innovative initiative!

Get the brightest students to help solve your business challenges

\$10K or \$15K award supports your innovation goals!

Are you positioned to take advantage of a robust business environment? Do you have the resources you need? Are you responding to new market challenges? How can you adopt ever-more sophisticated digital platforms? Do you have the right processes in place to succeed with your business goals?

Mitacs has you covered!

A **\$10K or \$15K award** enables the brightest students – from college students to undergrads to grads and postdocs – to undertake a collaborative internship. Whether it's an operations issue or wanting to protect your intellectual property, students apply their technical expertise to your business challenges to support your innovation activities. The award is open to students across all disciplines, from law to STEM to social sciences and humanities.

The opportunity

The breadth of opportunity is wide-ranging. Innovation projects should focus on activities that lead to change and improvements for you – whether you are a business or an eligible not-for-profit organization – and/or society, such as but not limited to:

- the design and implementation of improvements in products, processes, or service delivery
- the design of new business models
- the development of methods for overcoming barriers to market entry
- challenging conventional ideas and established practices

The benefits

- Get knowledge and expertise from outstanding students in almost any field, from finance to marketing, social sciences, engineering, and law. If you have to develop a new strategy, protect your intellectual property, or modify existing operations, we can find the right student in the right discipline to help
- Leverage your budget, making your money go further
- Build and strengthen connections and collaborations between companies or not-for-profit organizations, and academic institutions



The details

- > The award is open to registered students (both domestic and international) from colleges, polytechnics, and universities -- undergrads, grads and postdocs
- > Eligible partners include both SMEs and large companies, not-for-profit organizations, municipalities, and hospitals
- > Proposals should describe how the planned project will lead to economic, health and/or social benefits to the partner organization and/or the community and society at large
- > Each project requires oversight from a supervisor at the partner organization and an academic supervisor
- > Projects submitted to Mitacs will be evaluated by Mitacs to confirm eligibility, completeness, and project quality
- > Students are expected to meet weekly with their supervisors to report on the progress of their project. Virtual meetings are acceptable
- > Both students and supervisors are required to complete an exit survey at the end of the project reporting on skills developed and providing feedback on the program experience
- > Students will deliver a final presentation to their supervisors summarizing the work completed
- > Supplemental online training will be available to students through the Mitacs learning management system, EDGE

What you need to know

- > \$10K student stipend for a four-month project: your share is only \$5K
- > \$15K for a four-month project: your contribution is only \$7.5K. Of the \$15K, the participants can use up to \$5K toward specified project costs or to top-up the student stipend
- > Applications are accepted at any time for multiple projects and students
- > Available to all businesses and eligible not-for-profit organizations

No matter the challenge, students can help!

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