Overview

In partnership with member universities, Mitacs is launching the Mitacs Research Training Award. The award will provide opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students to undertake a short-term paid research training internship at a Canadian host institution. Students receive an opportunity to enhance their skills through interaction with faculty and hands-on research and training experience; projects must begin by August 31, 2020.

The primary goals of the program are to:

- Enable students to develop connections/collaborations with PSE faculty members/researchers
- Provide students with hands-on research and training experience
- Build students’ research skills, project management skills and subject/technical knowledge
- Increase awareness of potential educational and career pathways for students
- Identification of new research connections or directions, potential for further collaboration, or project continuation through other Mitacs programming

Program model:

- Projects designed and led by students
- The award will provide a grant of $6k per student toward student stipend, with 50/50 matching with the host institution ($3K from the host institution and $3K from Mitacs)
- The award will cover research projects of 12-16 weeks duration
- Each project will require supervision to oversee the work and the student
- Students are expected to meet weekly with their supervisor to report on the progress of their project – virtual meetings are acceptable
- Students are required to submit mid-term and final reports to the university
- Both students and supervisors will be required to complete a Mitacs exit survey at the end of the program reporting on skills developed and providing feedback on the program experience
- Projects will be reviewed by the host institution prior to submission to Mitacs
- Projects submitted to Mitacs will then be evaluated internally to confirm eligibility with the program (eligibility requirements below)
- Students must complete a final report and deliver a final presentation summarizing the work that was completed to their supervisor during the last week of the award term
- Supplemental online training will be provided to the students through the Mitacs learning management system

Eligibility Requirements

Students must:

- Be a registered undergraduate or graduate student at an eligible academic institution
- Not be an active participant in another Mitacs project

Universities must:

- Have a signed Mitacs funding agreement
- Be a Full, Associate, or Honorary Member

Supervisors must:

- Be a faculty member eligible to hold Tri-Council funding