

## **Joint NSERC Alliance - Mitacs Accelerate Streamlined Funding Opportunity**

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### **Program**

Joint NSERC Alliance - Mitacs Accelerate

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## Description

NSERC and Mitacs are pleased to build on the success of their existing partnership with a new joint initiative that will support the R&D efforts of Canadian university researchers and their partners, while supporting highly qualified personnel including students and/or postdoctoral fellows.

Through [NSERC's Alliance grants](#) [14] and [Mitacs' Accelerate program](#) [15], this new cost-sharing model is available to Canadian researchers through a single application submission and review process. Applicants are invited to include in their Alliance application a request for additional support through Mitacs Accelerate internships as a component of the training of highly qualified personnel. Industry funds are recognized towards the global budget of joint applications.

[Alliance grants](#) [14] support university researchers in collaborating with partner organizations, which can be from the private, public or not-for-profit sectors, on their R&D efforts that will create economic, social and/or environmental benefits to Canada. **The joint application is available for use with NSERC Alliance Advantage only.**

[Accelerate](#) [15] puts the talent of students and postdocs to work with a paid internship at an organization that needs their expertise. Mitacs internship units can be added at no additional cost to the partner organization.

## Eligibility

- Applicants must meet both [NSERC](#) [16]'s and [Mitacs](#) [17]' eligibility criteria both when the application is submitted and when funding is released.
- Canadian university researchers [eligible](#) [16] to receive NSERC funds can apply independently or as a team with co-applicants who are also [eligible](#) [16] academic researchers.
- Applicants must have at least one partner organization (in the private, public or not-for-profit sector) whose cash contributions will be recognized for cost-sharing (see [Alliance grants: Role of partner organizations](#) [18]) but other partner organizations who play an important role in the research project may be included in the application, whether or not their cash contributions are recognized for cost-sharing. Partner Organizations must meet both Mitacs' eligibility requirements as well as NSERC's eligibility requirements, in order to qualify for this cost-sharing model.
  - [Eligible Partner Organizations](#) [17] under the Mitacs Accelerate Program include:
    - Eligible for-profit corporations in Canada and not-for-profit corporations in Canada
    - For-profit businesses operating outside Canada
    - Under the Accelerate Entrepreneur initiative, eligible intern-owned start-ups at approved incubators. Contact [accelerate@mitacs.ca](mailto:accelerate@mitacs.ca) [19] to confirm your start-up's eligibility
    - Not-for-profit corporation eligibility and project economic orientation must be assessed prior to proposal submission
    - All sectors

## Indirect Costs

0% on eligible partner funds invoiced directly by Mitacs. Please note, these partner funds will be subject to 13% HST.

The Full Cost of Research policy applies to partner funds directed to NSERC (to be invoiced by the University of Guelph).

## Project Duration

Up to 5 years (minimum 1 year)

## Deadlines

**If College-level review is required, your College will communicate its earlier internal deadlines.**

Type

**Internal Deadline**

Notes

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, until the Mitacs Accelerate fiscal year allocation is used up. A completed OR-5 and full application must be submitted to the Research Services Office ([research.services@uoguelph.ca](mailto:research.services@uoguelph.ca) [20]) a minimum of two (2) weeks prior to the intended submission date to NSERC.

The submission to the Research Services Office should include an OR-5 that outlines NSERC, Mitacs and Partner Organization funding. Please ensure you click 'submit' in the NSERC system. The submitted NSERC application will include a complete copy of the joint Mitacs application, previously reviewed by Mitacs. Please also submit a copy of the Mitacs supplemental forms (excel budget) to the Research Services Office for review.

**External Deadline**

The Research Services Office will submit the full application on behalf of the applicant to NSERC through their online system.

The lead applicant is responsible for submitting the supplemental forms to Mitacs (excel budget file and intern(s) CV's, if known).

## How to Apply

Alliance-Accelerate applications require the following information when outlining the training of highly qualified personnel:

- A description of the role of the Mitacs interns in the research project and an explanation of the quality of the research-based training experiences provided to the interns
- A description of how the internship partnership organization is committed to providing supervision and mentorship to the interns
- An explanation of how the number of Mitacs interns and the number of internship units are appropriate to the scope of the project

### Mitacs Application:

- To initiate the process, please first contact Guelph's Mitacs Advisor, Fatemeh Bakhtiari ([fbakhtiari@mitacs.ca](mailto:fbakhtiari@mitacs.ca) [21]) to pre-screen the project and partners for eligibility, and obtain a copy of the Mitacs Supplemental Forms required for the application. Due to the [Mitacs Accelerate Allocation for Guelph 2025-26](#) [2], potential projects must be pre-screened and Mitacs IU's ear-marked, before initiating a joint NSERC-Mitacs application.
- Once the Mitacs Supplemental Forms have been completed and fully signed by all parties (including the required Research Services Office signature), applicants must attach a PDF of the signed supplemental application form to their NSERC Alliance proposal in the NSERC system.
- Applicants are also required to submit the Mitacs supplemental documents (excel budget file, intern CV, etc.) to Mitacs at the time of application.

### Initiating a Joint NSERC/Mitacs Application & Adding Mitacs to the NSERC Application:

Mitacs is treated as a partner on the NSERC application and therefore faculty need to add Mitacs as a Partner Contributor. In order to do this, please select 'Mitacs-Accelerate Joint Partner' under the 'Type of Call' in the drop down. This will only populate at the beginning of a new application.

Under the Partner Contributions section, please select 'Joint Call Funding Partner'. Then under the Organization and Branch type tab, select Province: BC, type in 'Mitacs' (BC is where the Head Office is located).

Under Contact at Organization, type in:

Family Name: Bakhtiari

Given Name: Fatemeh

Email: [grant-management@mitacs.ca](mailto:grant-management@mitacs.ca) [22]

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Additionally, applicants will fill out the Alliance [proposal template](#) [23] following the [instructions for completing an Alliance grant application](#) [24]. Applicants will submit the completed proposal template and supporting documents, including the [personal data form with CCV attachment](#) [25] for the applicant and all co-applicants, and the Mitacs supplemental application through [NSERC's online system](#) [26]. The partner organization's contact person will be invited through the online system to provide information about the partner organization following the [partner organization instructions](#) [27].

Consult the [Alliance grant application checklist](#) [13] for a summary of information that needs to be addressed in a completed application. Once complete, please go back into the Partner Contribution-Mitacs specific page and select 'Lock/Invite' in order for Mitacs to be notified.

The NSERC proposal must include details on HQP that will be funded through Mitacs and make reference to the Mitacs Supplemental Proposal, which will be added under "Other Documents" to the NSERC application. While the Proposed Expenditures table should not include the Mitacs contribution and should only refer to NSERC funding, the Budget Justification document must include a brief summary of where the partner funds are going (i.e. Mitacs or a divide between NSERC and Mitacs) for HQP and again make reference to the Mitacs Supplemental form.

For Questions, please contact

**University of Guelph's Mitacs Advisor**

Fatemeh Bakhtiari ([fbakhtiari@mitacs.ca](mailto:fbakhtiari@mitacs.ca) [21])

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