
Mitacs Elevate Postdoctoral Funding - Spring 2019 Call for Proposals

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Elevate

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Description

Mitacs Elevate is a postdoctoral fellowship with a customized research management training component. Fellows address complex challenges through:

- An exclusive research management curriculum for postdoctoral fellows in any discipline
- A minimum one-year research project (normally two years in duration) with a partner organization in need of high-level expertise
- A Partner Organization Business Case, developed to outline project objectives, risks, and stakeholder success criteria, and ensure project value

Elevate fellows progress through the program in a cohort, giving them cross-disciplinary networking and peer-learning opportunities they might not have otherwise in their careers.

Over the two-year fellowship, Elevate fellows divide their time between their partner organization project and university-based research with their faculty supervisor.

Eligibility

Postdoctoral fellows may apply for Mitacs Elevate fellowship if their date of graduation from a PhD program is **no more than 5 years** prior to the proposed start date the research project. Fellows who have had a break in their career due to military service, illness, or family leave may be considered as exceptions and must be approved in advance of proposal submission. If this

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situation applies to you and/or you have any questions, please contact Mitacs at [elevate\(at\)mitacs.ca](mailto:elevate(at)mitacs.ca).

Successful candidates must have fulfilled all degree requirements (e.g., successful defense, final deposit, and signoff of dissertation) for their PhD at time of project start date which can be no later than **February 12, 2020**.

All fellows who successfully enter into the Elevate program are responsible for ensuring that they meet the PDF eligibility criteria at their host institution and that they will hold a PDF status by the start date of their fellowship (no later than February 12, 2020) and for the two-year duration of the Elevate program.

- Fellows must not have been employed for more than six months in an R&D position outside the university after receipt of their doctoral degree; and
- Fellows must not have received an offer of employment from the partner organization except an offer of this fellowship or short-term employment of up to six months while awaiting a decision on the fellowship.
 - If the application is not recommended for an award, the candidate may not be eligible to apply again once he or she has accumulated more than six months of industrial or partner organization work. It is therefore recommended that candidates accept a temporary contract only if necessary and that the period of the contract be kept as short as possible.
- Fellows who have held a Mitacs Accelerate award as a Masters, or PhD student are eligible to apply. Applicants may also apply if they have been approved for no more than 3 internship units of Accelerate funding (1 year equivalent) support at the postdoctoral level to be completed before the start of the Elevate fellowship. Postdoctoral fellows who have already held a Mitacs Elevate award are not eligible to apply again to Elevate or to apply afterwards to Accelerate.
- Fellows cannot apply to multiple Mitacs programs for the same period of time.

Funding Availability

A limited number of fully funded fellowships are available. However, Mitacs strongly recommends that fellows confirm the availability of \$5,000 per year from their academic supervisor before applying.

Maximum Project Value

Successful applicants receive a Mitacs Elevate award of \$60,000 per year, renewable for a second year, for a total award of \$120,000, as well as the mandatory research management training curriculum (\$15,000 non-cash value over two years); a minimum stipend/salary of \$55,000 per year is allocated to the fellow and up to \$5,000 is allocated to research costs.

Indirect Costs

0%

Project Duration

Minimum one year research project (normally two years)

Deadlines

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

Type	Date	Notes
External Deadline	Wednesday, June 19, 2019 - 8:00pm	Submit an Intent to Apply [2] to elevate@mitacs.ca [3] (non-mandatory) If applicable, also submit an Intern or Supervisor Conflict of Interest (COI) Declaration . [4] Please consult the Conflict of Interest section under Program Administration [5].
External Deadline	Wednesday, July 3, 2019 - 8:00pm	Mitacs strongly encourages applicants to submit a draft copy of their proposal for a one-time pre-review to elevate@mitacs.ca [3]. Pre-reviews must be provided using the current program application form. Please review the Writing Your Elevate Proposal Guide [6] when you begin writing your proposal
Internal Deadline	Wednesday, July 10, 2019 - 4:00pm	Faculty supervisor must submit the full application, including signed Memorandum, along with signed OR-5 form to research.services@uoguelph.ca [7].

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Type	Date	Notes
External Deadline	Wednesday, July 17, 2019 - 4:00pm	Intern/Faculty Supervisor submits approved and signed full application package to: elevate@mitacs.ca [3]. Projects to start no later than February 12, 2020.

How to Apply

- A completed application form (Note: Please contact Mitacs directly for a copy of the updated Elevate Application Template)
- A memorandum (Section 7 – MEMORANDUM) signed by all parties, including the Office of Research signatory, submitted as a scanned PDF
- Applicant's CV
- Proposed academic supervisor's CV
- Three signed letters of support required, on letterhead:
 - One (1) letter of support from the proposed academic supervisor
 - One (1) letter of support from a former supervisor or person familiar with the fellow's research expertise
 - One (1) letter of support from an eligible partner organization on partner organization letterhead that confirms the amount of the financial commitment
- Any supplementary documents as applicable

For Questions, please contact

For questions or more information, please contact Mitacs at elevate@mitacs.ca [3]. Please review the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) [8] section.

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