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#### **About Mitacs**

Mitacs powers Research & Development by connecting industry with the best post-secondary institutions to solve business challenges — in Canada and internationally.

- Funded by the federal and provincial governments, we drive research and innovation by building global research networks to boost international collaboration
- We nurture the next generation by training graduate students for their academic/industry research careers



# Globalink Research Internship (GRI)

- Projects are drawn from over 3,000 research projects across all academic disciplines, submitted by Professors at Canadian universities
- 12-week research internship in Canada for top international students
  - Projects occur during May-October
- Senior undergraduate students
  - Typically this means you are a 3<sup>rd</sup> year student right now!



#### **Benefits**

- All students get hands-on experience with supervision and mentorship from a Canadian
  Faculty member when working on their 12-week research project
- Students are matched with Graduate level mentors at the same school to support their experience
- Students are provided with a comprehensive stipend and benefits package, equivalent to CAD \$12,000: This covers airfare, accommodation, medical insurance, etc.
- Students take part in professional development training to apply and build on the skills and techniques to drive their careers forward (examples include teamwork, project management, problem-solving, cross-cultural communications, and entrepreneurship activities).
- Students are eligible for a \$15,000 scholarship if they choose to come to Canada for a
  Graduate research degree



#### How to Apply: website



PROGRAMS ▼ IMPACT PROJECTS NEWSROOM GLOBALINK Come to Canada Travel from Canada Globalink Research Internship **FACULTY APPLICATION** STUDENT APPLICATION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS **ABOUT** 

The call for student applications for the summer of 2022 is now open!

The application deadline is Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at 1 p.m. Pacific Time (PT). Apply here!

Mitacs Globalink Research Internship is a competitive initiative for international undergraduates from the following countries and regions: Australia, Brazil, China, Colombia, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Mexico, Taiwan, Tunisia, Ukraine, United Kingdom and the United States. From May to October of each year, top-ranked applicants participate in a 12-week research internship under the supervision of Canadian university faculty members in a variety of academic disciplines, from science, engineering, and mathematics to the humanities and social sciences.

Mitacs Globalink Research Internships are currently available at over 70 universities across Canada. For more information, please see our list of academic partners.

Globalink Research Internship alumni interested in returning to Canada for graduate studies are eligible for the Globalink Graduate Fellowship.



Read the Mitacs Globalink intern survey:





### How to Apply

- Confirmation that your passport issued by your home country is valid until at least January
  2023
- A reference letter from a professor
  - Download the reference letter instructions
  - All reference letters must follow the instructions provided
- Your CV
  - You can submit your own CV or download the Mitacs template
- Your academic transcripts (either English or French). If your university or institution cannot provide transcripts in either language, you are responsible for getting them translated and notarized.
  - Transcripts **must** be included in your application



### How to Apply continued

- In the application, you'll also be asked about:
  - Your academic discipline, program, and other educational information
  - Your research interests, skills, and achievements
  - Your reasons for pursuing research in Canada
- Post-Application:
  - Virtual Interviews
  - Professors rank students, students rank professors/projects



#### Timeline

August-September: Apply for projects

October-December: Interviews & Rankings

January: Matches Confirmed

February: Accept/reject offers, start to apply for Visa

May-September: Travel, projects occur



# Key Impacts GRI – Employability & Skills

2015 GRI survey, 500 participants of previous GRI interns

- 66%+ of interns feel more employable and have improved their professional skills set
- 71% of interns strongly feel their experience has had, or will have, a
  significant impact on their career



## Key Impacts – Ongoing Collaborations

- 65% of interns intend to develop, or have already developed,
  collaborations with Canadian researchers
- 71% of interns stayed in touch with their host professors
- 56% of interns are in touch with other researchers from their host lab



### Key Impacts – Program Experience

- 95% of interns spoke positively about their experience in Canada and would recommend friends to come to Canada for an internship, graduate studies and/or employment
- 75%+ of interns have successfully convinced at least one fellow student or friend to come to Canada for a research internship



# Other Important Information

- August 11: Open for Applications
- September 22: Application Closed 5pm PST

- Start your application materials early
- Do not leave sections blank, be creative
  - Must ensure complete applications to be eligible
- Do not fill out on the last day!

