



MITACS-UUKI GLOBAL RESEARCH INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

Mitacs is a not-for-profit national research organisation that manages and funds research and training programmes for undergraduate and postgraduate students and for postdoctoral fellows.

Mitacs's Globalink Research Internship scheme is a competitive programme which co-funds undergraduates from partner countries to complete an intensive 12-week summer research internship, in a variety of academic disciplines, under the supervision of a professor at one of 65 participating Canadian universities.

SCHEME BACKGROUND

In 2018, Mitacs approached UUKi to be the new UK agency for its undergraduate research internship scheme in Canada, a programme not previously open to UK applicants.

A memorandum of understanding was signed between Mitacs and UUKi to provide a framework for increased UK-Canada student mobility.

UK universities are invited to submit expressions of interest to participate in the scheme. The lead time and application cycle spans a 14-month period, from promotion of the scheme and students applying to Mitacs from August 2020, until the 2020-21 cohort commences internships from May 2021.





95%
**of interns spoke
positively about
their experience in
Canada***

BENEFITS TO PARTICIPANTS

Students who successfully apply for the scheme will have the chance to:

- participate in an internationally competitive and fully funded mobility opportunity in Canada in 2021
- develop research expertise with the assistance of leading professors at Canadian institutions with outstanding research facilities
- enhance vital workplace skills, including critical thinking, cultural awareness, and developing a global outlook
 - take part in professional training covering areas such as teamwork, project management, problem solving, communication, and entrepreneurship
 - experience educational, social, and recreational opportunities
- join an international alumni community and become eligible for the [Mitacs Globalink Graduate Fellowship](#)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

**Students must
have a minimum
weighted
average of
65%**

Students must be:

- undergraduates enrolled full-time in an accredited university in the UK with a year remaining in their programme when they return to the UK
 - at least 18 years of age
 - have a minimum weighted average of 65%, equivalent to a high 2:1
- be able to spend 12 weeks in the period May – October 2021 at a university in Canada on a research project related to their area of interest and expertise
- demonstrate oral and written fluency in English or French, depending on the primary language of the project
- apply to a minimum of three to seven projects and ensure selections are from at least three different Canadian provinces

Please see the Mitacs [website](#) for further details.



FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE SCHEME

The programme costs a total of \$12000 CAD (c.£7,010 GBP) per student placement. The scheme, however, **operates on a subsidised/matched basis**.

Mitacs will cover **two-thirds** of this cost (\$8,000 CAD), and the sending institution is required to cover the **remaining third** (c.\$4,000 CAD or roughly £2,340 GBP per student).



■ Mitacs ■ Participating UK university

Co-funding will cover:

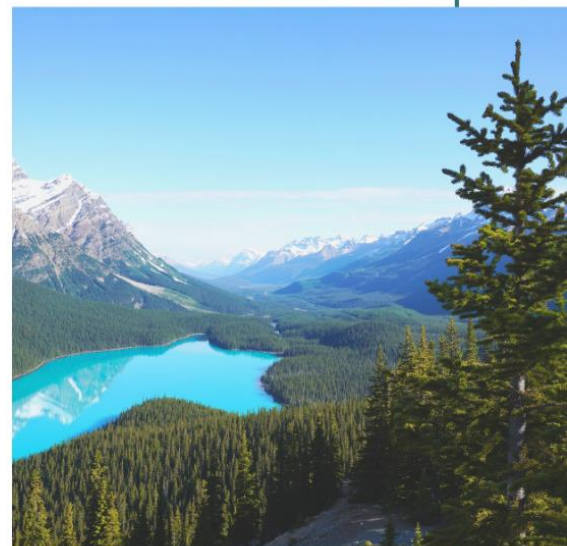
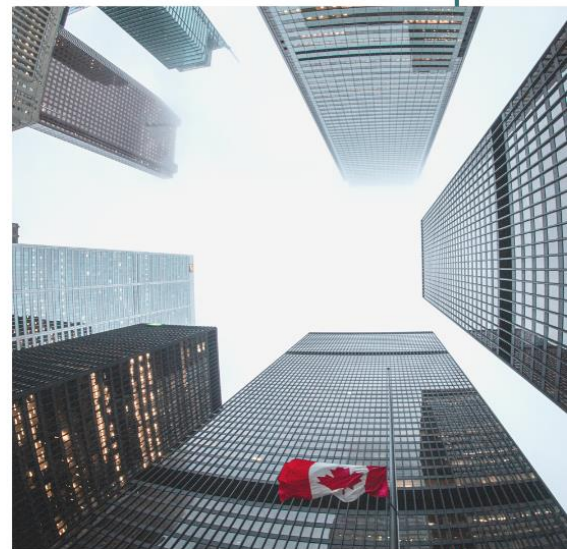
- Return flights (via reimbursement)
- Airport transfer
- Medical insurance
- Visa fees (via reimbursement)
- Living stipend
- Accommodation stipend
- Registration for professional development training
- Registration for industry events
- Student fees at host institution
- Access to the Mitacs mentor scheme

Mitacs has committed to co-fund up to 40 places for UK students

PARTICIPATING UK UNIVERSITY'S ROLE

UK universities that would like co-fund students under the scheme are required to:

- Provide UUKi with a named point of contact for any queries relating to the programme or the university's participation in the scheme
- Indicate the number of placements that the University would in principle be willing to fund by expressing interest to participate in the scheme
- Communicate to UUKi any additional eligibility criteria, academic or otherwise, that is attached to co-funding commitments
- Promote and solicit student interest in the scheme via institutional networks
- Nominate at least 10 interested students per co-funded place that meet Mitacs's eligibility criteria and any institution or department specific criteria for participation in the scheme
 - Provide UUKi with a list of nominated students
 - Confirm eligibility to nominated students once UUKi has conducted eligibility checks
 - Perform final approval of successful UK candidates from their institution before offer is made by Mitacs directly to students
 - Remit payment to UUKi for \$4,000 CAD per student accepted onto the scheme, upon receiving an invoice from UUKi





UUKI'S ROLE

UUKi's role in the Globalink Research Internship scheme includes:

- Promotion of the opportunity to the UK university sector
- Management of UK sector participation in the scheme, including receipt of expressions of interests from universities willing to co-fund placements for their students
 - Pre-screening university-shortlisted applicants to verify that all applicants meet Mitacs's requirements, in line with Mitacs's expectations of partner agencies
- Conducting post-application checks of UK students who have submitted applications to ensure that all students who have applied to the scheme have an in-principle commitment of co-funding from their home UK university
- Management and distribution of finances for scheme; invoicing and receipt of funds from sending UK universities, for onward payment to Mitacs
 - Provision of advice and support to UK participating institutions and applicants, from the initial expression of interest to participate in the scheme, to the students' notification of award

KEY DATES FOR PARTICIPATING UNIVERSITIES



Wednesday 17 June

Interested universities can start to express their interest [here](#).

Universities that have expressed their interest should start promoting the opportunity to and nominating students for the scheme following receipt of interest from UUKi.

End of July

Mitacs Globalink Research Internship call opens to students.

Monday August 10

UUKi conduct eligibility checks on all nominated students.

From August 11

Eligible UK students start to apply to the scheme through the Mitacs application portal.

Friday 17 July

UUKi deadline for expressions of interest.

Students who have already been nominated should start to prepare their applications. See here for Mitacs's [guidance](#) on applications.

Friday 7 August

UUKi deadline for student nominations.

Tuesday August 11

Participating universities communicate confirmation of eligibility to nominated students.

Tuesday Sept 22

Mitacs Globalink Research Internship call closes.

ANY QUESTIONS?

*Interested universities can contact
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