

Release of the Mitacs Research Security Plan

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Mitacs is pleased to confirm the release of the Mitacs Research Security Plan. The plan is now available on Mitacs' website at: [Research Security | Mitacs](#)

Given the ever-evolving nature of the research security backdrop, it is important to emphasize that the Mitacs Research Security Plan is an iterative document, which will continue to evolve in tune with developments in the arena of research security.

The overarching goals of the Mitacs Research Security Plan are as follows:

1. To ensure that proposals for research collaborations, especially those involving intellectual property development and assignments with foreign partners or collaborators, demonstrate adequate benefits to Canada to qualify for Mitacs funding.
2. To prevent research security breaches, legal violations and national security threats involving foreign governments, individuals and organizations, such as:
 - Theft of research, sensitive data or intellectual property
 - Unwanted access to research or sensitive data, espionage
 - Violation of relevant Canadian government regulations, legislation (e.g., import/export laws) or sanctions

The updates to the Mitacs application and review processes described within the plan apply only to the Accelerate and Elevate programs at this time, which both inherently involve non-academic partner organizations. Other Mitacs programs, such as Globalink, Business Strategy Internship (BSI) and Mitacs Entrepreneur International (MEI), focus on academic research collaborations or non-research activities and will be addressed in future updates to the Mitacs Research Security Plan in 2023.

Any questions regarding the Mitacs Research Security Plan can be directed to researchsecurity-securedelarecherche@mitacs.ca.

Government of Canada resources related to research security:

- [Safeguarding Your Research](#)
- [How can I assess risks in partnerships?](#)
- [Guidance on Conducting Open Source Due Diligence \(science.gc.ca\)](#)
- [Safeguarding Science \(publicsafety.gc.ca\)](#)
- [The Canadian Cyber Security Tool \(publicsafety.gc.ca\)](#)

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