## For More Information

• Elevate Program Details [1]

## **Description**

Mitacs Elevate is a two-year training program for postdoctoral fellows, in which participants lead and undertake an industrially relevant research project. During this time, fellows receive experiential training in R&D directly through their industry-academic research collaboration and leadership training and business acumen through the program's training curriculum. With a suite of skills development workshops and activities unique to Mitacs Elevate, fellows learn about communication, leadership & management and other critical business skills relevant to research management careers in academia and industry. These training opportunities complement fellows' specialized expertise and ensure they are ready to lead large-scale research projects throughout their careers.

# **Eligibility**

**University of Guelph** – A limited number of fully funded fellowships are available. However, Mitacs strongly recommends that you confirm the availability of \$5,000 per year from your academic supervisor or university before applying. Fellowships will be awarded competitively.

**Supervisors and Postdoctoral Fellows** – Mitacs Elevate is open to Canadian citizens, permanent residents, and international applicants. The fellow must be based at a university located in the same province as the partner organization for the duration of the fellowship.

Supervisor of the fellow must hold a faculty position at a Canadian University and must be eligible to administer tri-council funds.

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 situation applies to you and/or you have any questions, please contact Mitacs at <a href="mailto:elevate@mitacs.ca">elevate@mitacs.ca</a> [2]. Successful candidates must have fulfilled all degree requirements for their PhD at time of project start date which can be no later than May 2, 2016. Refer to the <a href="mailto:Mitacs website">Mitacs website</a> [3] for more information.

**Partner Organizations** – New! Effective January 2015, Elevate is open to both for-profit businesses and not-for-profit (NFP) organizations, such as industry associations, charitable

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organizations, and economic development organizations. Please <u>contact Mitacs</u> [4] to discuss the eligibility of an NFP organization. Please ensure a <u>pre-assessment form</u> [5] is submitted to <u>elevate@mitacs.ca</u> [2] before submission of the completed application package.

**Eligible Research** – Refer to the <u>Mitacs website</u> [3] for more information.

# **Maximum Project Value**

Successful applicants receive a Mitacs Elevate award of \$55,000 per year for two years for a total award of \$110,000, as well as the mandatory research management training curriculum (\$15,000 non-cash value over two years); a minimum stipend / salary of \$50,000 per year is allocated to the fellow and up to \$5,000 is allocated to research costs. Mitacs follows tri-council guidelines with respect to the use of funds towards eligible research costs. Awards are typically forwarded annually as a lump sum of \$55,000 to the supervising faculty member, to be held as a research grant at their home university, pending Mitacs receipt of the following:

- the \$30,000 annual partner contribution
- documentation that a \$5,000 annual contribution will be made available to the fellow in lieu of provincial funding. Visit Mitacs <u>eligibility page</u> [6] to determine if additional funding is required for your application.
- any necessary documentation such as a Declaration of Conflict of Interest;
   Environmental Impact Assessment; permits or licenses; University Research Ethics
   Board report; University Animal Care Committee report; biohazards review report; and/or other documentation as appropriate.

### **Indirect Costs**

0%

## **Deadlines**

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

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Internal Deadline Wednesday, October 21, 2015

- 4:30pm

- Letter of Intent: No internal deadline applicable for LOI. Applicant submits directly to Mitacs (see below, External Deadline).
- Application Package: Wednesday October
   21, 2015 04:30 pm to

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A completed Application Package consists of the following:

- A completed application form
- A memorandum signed by all parties, including relevant university research office, submitted as a scanned PDF
- Applicant's CV
- Proposed academic supervisor's CV
- Three letters of support:
  - 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 that confirms the amount of the financial commitment
- Any supplementary documents as applicable

NOTE: Declared conflict of interest must be submitted to <a href="mailto:elevate@mitacs.ca">elevate@mitacs.ca</a> [2] before

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submission of the Application

Package.

If references would like to send their letters confidentially, they

may email them to

elevatereferences@mitacs.ca
[8]. All letters must be received at Mitacs by the competition

deadline.

External Deadline Wednesday, October 7, 2015 -

8:00pm

Letter of Intent: Wednesday October 7, 2015 at 05:00 pm PDT. Applicant submits directly to Mitacs.

Application Package: Wednesday October 28, 2015 01:00 pm PDT. Applicant submits application package to elevate@mitacs.ca [2]

# **How to Apply**

• Elevate How to Apply [9]

For Questions, please contact <a href="mailto:elevate@mitacs.ca">elevate@mitacs.ca</a> [2]

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#### Links

- [1] http://www.mitacs.ca/en/programs/elevate/program-details
- [2] mailto:elevate@mitacs.ca
- [3] http://www.mitacs.ca/en/programs/elevate/who-eligible
- [4] https://www.mitacs.ca/en/contact-us/business-development
- [5] http://www.mitacs.ca/sites/default/files/uploads/faq/mitacs\_elevate\_nfp\_pre-assessment\_form\_26june2015.docx
- [6] https://www.mitacs.ca/en/programs/elevate/who-eligible
- [7] mailto:research.services@uoguelph.ca
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- [9] http://www.mitacs.ca/en/programs/elevate/how-apply
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