

The MITACS ACCELERATE Ontario program is currently seeking proposals from professors and graduate students/postdocs in any faculty or department for research projects conducted in collaboration with Ontario companies and other organizations. This innovative internship program funds 4-, 8-, or 12-month research projects.

MITACS ACCELERATE is open to all university faculties and departments that train graduate students including Arts, Engineering, Humanities, Physical Sciences, Applied Sciences, Social Sciences and many more.

The MITACS ACCELERATE benefits for professors and grad students/postdocs:

- * Leverages your existing funding from industry
- * Source of funding for a grad student/postdoc
- * Provides a valuable career opportunity for grad students and postdocs
- * Application process has limited paperwork; quick turnaround.
- * Proposals are accepted at any time
- * Foreign grad students can participate
- * Can help you to attract grad students and postdocs

Details:

The intern, under the supervision of a faculty member, spends approximately half of his/her time over a minimum four-month period onsite with an eligible Ontario partner (a company, industry association, not-for-profit or crown corporation) or in the field, developing a better understanding of a jointly-identified research problem of importance to the company. The balance of the intern's time is spent at the university with a professor, developing a solution to the organization's challenge.

The company's contribution of \$7.5K per four-month internship unit is matched by MITACS, with funding support from the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada. The intern receives a minimum of \$10K of the \$15K in funding, with the remaining \$5K supporting other costs associated with the project.

Although internship proposals are accepted at any time, it is strongly recommended that for internships intended to commence May 1, 2009, proposals be received by MITACS by February 15, 2009. This will allow adequate time for peer-review and transfer of funds to the university. The MITACS business development team will assist you with the application process.

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