

## **MITACS ACCELERATE Program: *Internship Cluster***

We are pleased to tell you about a new addition to our internship program. In recognition of the growing demand from professors to support multiple graduate students and/or post-doctoral fellow through a larger research project in collaboration with one or more industry partners, MITACS has introduced *Internship Cluster*. Internship clusters require a minimum of \$30,000 from a partner and provide enhanced funding leverage combined with the ACCELERATE Program's flexibility. Please speak directly with a Business Development Director to discuss your particular project and learn more information.

Furthermore, the MITACS ACCELERATE 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-, 12-, 16- or 24-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
- \* Provides funding of a grad student/post-doc
- \* 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 proposals are submitted at least 6 weeks in advance of the anticipated project start date.** 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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