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.

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.
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

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

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 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.
Interested universities can contact Sophie Da Silva, Partnerships Officer at UUKi, for further information on sophie.dasilva@international.ac.uk.