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 a research intensive 12-week summer internship, in a variety of academic disciplines, under the supervision of a professor at one of 70 participating Canadian universities.

Universities UK International (UUKi) has been partnering with Mitacs to deliver the UK side of the scheme for two years, with the aim to increase UK-Canada research mobility.

Since 2019, UUKi and Mitacs have given over 70 students the opportunity to participate in the scheme, with the Canadian government and the UK higher education sector investing over CAN$1.5M from 2019-2021.

UK universities are invited to submit expressions of interest (EOIs) to participate in the scheme. The lead time and application cycle spans a 12-month period, from promotion of and students applying to the call for applications from September 2021, until the 2021-22 cohort commences internships from May 2022.
BENEFITS TO PARTICIPANTS

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 2022

• 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*

*Mitacs Globalink Research Internship survey 2015
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Students must be:

- enrolled full-time in an accredited university in the UK with a year remaining in their undergraduate – or the undergraduate portion of an integrated Masters – programme when they return to the UK

- at least 18 years of age

- have a minimum weighted average of 60%, equivalent to a 2:1

- be able to spend 12 consecutive weeks in the period May – October 2022 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.
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 of CAN$4,000 to UUKi 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, including 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
The programme costs a total of CAN$12,000 (c.£7,020 GBP) per student placement. The scheme, however, operates on a subsidised/matched basis.

Mitacs will cover two-thirds of this cost (CAN$8,000), and the sending institution is required to cover the remaining third (CAN$4,000 or c. £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 60 places for UK students
KEY DATES FOR PARTICIPATING UNIVERSITIES

Monday 21 June 2021
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.

Tuesday 10 August
UUKi deadline to submit student nominations.

Thursday 12 August
Participating universities communicate confirmation of eligibility to nominated students.

Eligible students start to apply to the call through the Mitacs application portal.

Wednesday 21 July
UUKi deadline to submit EOIs.

Students who have already been nominated should start to prepare their applications. See here for Mitacs’s [guidance](#) on applications.

Wednesday 11 August
Globalink Research Internship call opens for student applications.

UUKi conducts eligibility checks on all nominated students.

Wednesday 22 September
Deadline for students to submit Globalink Research Internship applications.
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September 23 – October 13
Mitacs vets and conducts eligibility checks on all applications received.

October 4 – 18
UUKi vets and conducts a second eligibility check of all Mitacs approved applications.

November 3 – 23
Round one of project matching begins. Mitacs start to match projects to eligible candidates. During this period, students may be contacted by professors to participate in interviews.

December 2 – 9
Round one offers are made to students. Students must provide a decision on whether they wish to accept the offer.

December 17
Mitacs to send UUKi a list of confirmed matches so far.

January 6 – 19 2022
Round two of project matching begins. During this period, students may be contacted by professors to participate in interviews.

January 25 – 31
Round two offers are made to students. Students must provide a decision on whether they wish to accept the offer.

February 10
Mitacs to send UUKi final list of confirmed matches for the Globalink Research Internship cohort 2022.

Late March
UUKi invoices participating universities for CAN$4,000 per student, subject to an agreement being signed between UUKi and the university.

Late April
UUKi remits total UK co-funds to Mitacs.

May 1 – October 31
Internships commence.

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