



# MITACS-UUKI GLOBAL RESEARCH INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

[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 \(GRI\)](#) 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.

## SCHEME BACKGROUND

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

Since 2019, UUKi and Mitacs have given over 270 students the opportunity to participate in the scheme, with the Canadian government and the UK higher education sector investing over CAN\$2M in GRI from 2019-2022.

UK universities are invited to submit expressions of interest to participate and co-fund students for participation in the scheme. The lead time and application cycle spans a 12-month period, from promotion of and students applying to the GRI call for applications from August 2022, until the 2023 cohort commences internships from May 2023.





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

## 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 2023
  - 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](#)

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

**Students must  
have a minimum  
weighted  
average of  
60%+ or 65%+**

Students must be:

- enrolled full-time in an accredited university in the UK with a year remaining in their undergraduate degree or two years remaining in their integrated master degree when they return to the UK
  - at least 18 years of age
- have a minimum weighted average of 60%+ (if the student meets their institution's widening participation or equivalent criteria) or 65%+ (if the student does not meet their institution's widening participation or equivalent criteria)
- be able to spend 12 consecutive weeks in the period May – October 2023 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.

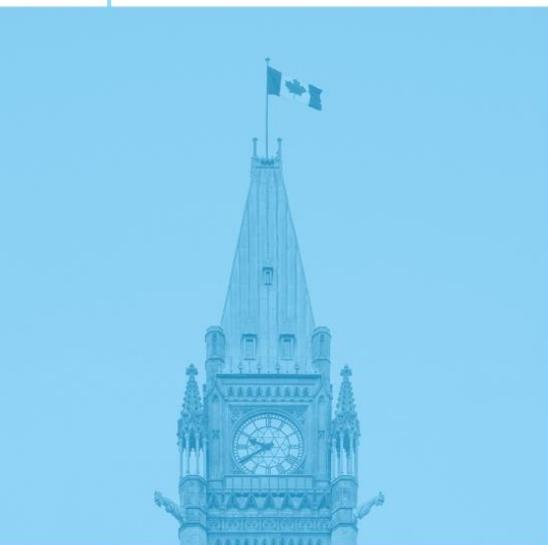


## PARTICIPATING UK UNIVERSITY'S ROLE

*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 after signing a data sharing agreement with UUKi
- Confirm eligibility to nominated students once UUKi has conducted eligibility checks
- Remit payment of CAN\$4,000 to UUKi per student accepted onto the scheme, upon receiving an invoice from UUKi





## UUKI'S ROLE

*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

## FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE SCHEME

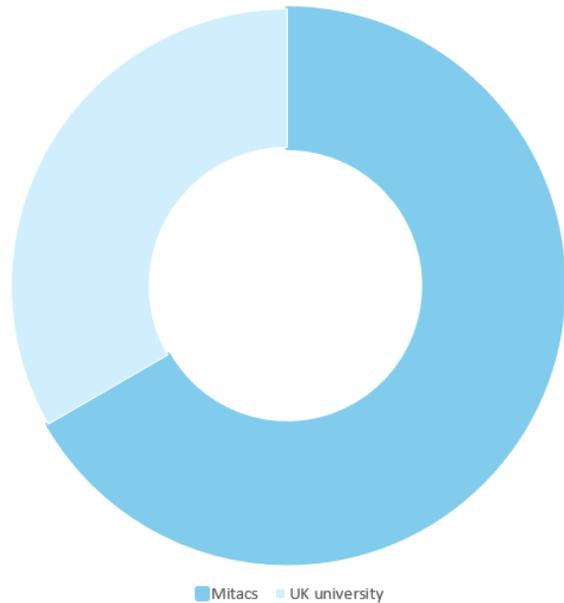
The programme costs a total of CAN\$12,000 (c.£7,020 GBP) per student placement. The scheme, however, **operates on a subsidised/matched basis.**

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

Please note that although this will be a fully-funded opportunity for the successful candidates, **some of these fees will be incurred by selected students upfront** and will be reimbursed upon their arrival in Canada.



**Mitacs has committed to co-fund up to 60 places for UK students**

# KEY DATES FOR PARTICIPATING UNIVERSITIES



## Wednesday 8 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.

## Tuesday 9 August

UUKi deadline to submit student nominations.

## Thursday 11 August

Participating universities communicate confirmation of eligibility to nominated students.

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

## Wednesday 20 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 10 August

Globalink Research Internship call opens for student applications.

UUKi conducts eligibility checks on all nominated students.

## Wednesday 21 Sept

Deadline for students to submit Globalink Research Internship applications.

## September 21 - October 24

Mitacs vets and conducts eligibility checks on all applications received.

## November 8 - 29

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 16

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

## January 25 - 31 2023

Round two offers are made to students (if applicable). Students must provide a decision on whether they wish to accept the offer.

## Late March 2023

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

## May 1 - October 31 2023

Internships commence.

## October 5 - 14

UUKi vets and conducts a second eligibility check of all Mitacs approved applications.

## December 8 - 14

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

## January 12 - 25 2023

Round two of project matching may begin if UUKi opt in. During this period, students may be contacted by professors to participate in interviews.

## February 14 2023

Mitacs to send UUKi final list of confirmed matches for the Globalink Research Internship cohort 2023.

## Late April 2023

UUKi remits total UK co-funds to Mitacs.

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