

Mitacs-Innovate BC Program

Innovate BC is pleased to partner with Mitacs to support talent and business in BC. The funding infusion from Innovate BC coupled with Mitacs's leveraged funds offsets the standard company-partner contribution towards the intern's stipend and increases access to research during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Program Funding

Each employer is eligible for one grant valued at \$3,750.

Company Eligibility

To participate in the **Mitacs-Innovate BC Program**, a company must:

- Be established in BC, as defined by having a physical location within the province.
- Be a small or medium-sized business (with no more than 500 employees).
- Be established as one of the following:
 - 1) Technology company or technology not-for-profit hiring a student for any role.
 - 2) Non-tech company or non-tech not-for-profit hiring for a tech role
- Be hiring a student currently enrolled at a post secondary institution in BC.
- Have a project approved by the Mitacs Accelerate Program.

Grant Application Process

1. After the company has had their proposal approved by Mitacs Accelerate, the employer can apply to the Mitacs-Innovate BC Program [HERE](#).
2. The employer needs to create an account and submit an application under the category '**Mitacs-Innovate BC Program**'.
3. Innovate BC will review the application. Due to limited funding, a first-come first-served principle is in effect. All grant approvals are conditional and are subject to specific requirements being met.
4. Applicants are typically notified of their application status or will be contacted for follow-up within 15 business days. Subsequent to the evaluation of the application, the applicant will receive an emailed Letter of Approval or Decline.
5. Innovate BC will contact Mitacs in month 4 of the project to verify successful participation in the Mitacs Accelerate program.
6. Innovate BC will invite the applicant by email to complete a mandatory "Grant Survey" so that Innovate BC can evaluate the results and impact of the Mitacs-Innovate BC Program.
7. Approved company will receive a Mitacs-Innovate BC Grant valued at \$3,750 after successful verification and completion of the Grant Survey.

FAQ

What's a tech role?

Two things count as a tech role:

1. A role in a tech company
2. A role that is **primarily** related to developing tech or providing tech support. Some examples include:
 - a. 3D programming
 - b. iOS development
 - c. computing science
 - d. medical equipment operations and diagnostics
 - e. front-end and back-end web development
 - f. tech support

Does it matter which university or college my student is from?

Yes. In order to be eligible to receive a grant, the student must be enrolled at a BC post-secondary institution. International students are eligible.

Are postdoctoral fellows eligible?

No. Only undergraduate students, Master's students and PhD students are eligible.

How long does it take to process an application?

A typical application is processed within 15 business days. You will then be notified whether you have received conditional approval or have been declined.

Are we eligible for a Mitacs-Innovate BC Grant if we received other funding for the student?

Yes. However, the combined value of all funding cannot exceed the student's salary.

When will I receive my grant?

Grants will be disbursed upon successful verification from Mitacs at the four-month point of the project via direct deposit.

How to Apply | Contact Information

To apply, click [HERE](#)

For more information about the application process, contact us at programs@innovatebc.ca.