

Dear colleagues,

Mitacs's mission is to advance vital research, create economic impact, and drive innovation in Canada by building collaborative partnerships between the private, public, and postsecondary sectors.

In the current economic and labour market landscape, demand has never been higher for Mitacs's programs across the country – we have seen an unprecedented volume of funding applications to date this fiscal year.

In Ontario, we have seen a particularly exceptional uptake of our programs combined with lower-than-expected provincial funding. This means that funding available for this fiscal year in Ontario has been utilized. As our model relies on provincial funding to deliver our programs, the funding gap in Ontario is causing uncertainty.

To ensure that we operate responsibly, Mitacs will be pausing Ontario submissions until we have clarity around our provincial funding going forward. This means that, out of an abundance of caution, all new applications for our Accelerate, Business Strategy Internship, Elevate, and international programs will be paused in Ontario as of August 28, 2022. Projects reviewed and approved up to and including that date will be honoured.

For those whose institutions are impacted, Mitacs will be providing you with a detailed breakdown of the projects affected by this decision at your institution in due course. Please note that Mitacs will honour all internships announced as part of its additional support to researchers affected by the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Mitacs continues to maintain good fiscal health and to operate as usual in all other parts of the country. We are continuing to work closely with our Ontario government partners to reach a solution that enables us to reopen applications and proceed with program delivery as soon as possible.

We will continue to keep you updated as more information becomes available.

Best regards,

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