



Mitacs is again working with the University of Toronto's (UofT) Dalla Lana School of Public Health (DLSPH) and the Master of Public Health program to support eligible practicum projects. During this cycle, only proposals submitted to our [Business Strategy Internship \(BSI\)](#) program will be eligible for Mitacs support. In the BSI program eligible preceptors will design a project for students that must help advance the **organization's innovation activities, helping them improve their products, processes, or services.**

The BSI program is funded based on what Mitacs calls 'internship units,' where each unit of funding spans 4-6 months in duration and has a value of either \$10,000 or \$15,000. The partner organization (preceptor) invests half of the funding for the project, which Mitacs will match. The application is scalable to the project needs and thus can contain multiple students and internship units.

Mitacs funded projects require three parties:

1. An eligible partner organization (preceptor)—one of:
 - A registered Canadian for-profit organization
 - A registered Canadian not-for-profit organization (NFP)
 - Note: NFPs will need to be vetted by Mitacs in advance to confirm eligibility
 - A Canadian municipality
 - Note: Municipal public health units are generally eligible, but will need to be vetted by Mitacs in advance to confirm eligibility
 - A Canadian hospital
2. An intern (student)
3. An academic supervisor (professor) assigned by DLSPH

Mitacs will invoice the partner organization (preceptor) for half of the practicum project budget, add our half, and then provide the full amount to UofT. UofT will then place the funds in the account of the academic supervisor who will pay the student a stipend over the course of the project (students are not employees of the partner organization and are paid solely via UofT). For each four-month practicum period, there are two options for funding:

- \$10,000 (\$5,000+tax from the partner organization [preceptor], \$5,000 from Mitacs)
- \$15,000 (\$7,500*+tax from the partner organization [preceptor], \$7,500 from Mitacs)

**A partner organization may choose to contribute more than \$7,500, but Mitacs will contribute a maximum of \$7,500 per 4-month period per student.*

Submission of a successful application involves the completion of the BSI proposal form which collects project background information, objectives, methodology, and other related info. Applications are non-competitive and once submitted, an outcome is communicated in 4-8 weeks.

If you are interested in pursuing additional funding for your practicum project with a mid-January start date through Mitacs, please contact Christopher Dixon (cdixon@mitacs.ca) to discuss the process by Friday October 4th, 2024.