**Research proposal**

\*Important: Incomplete or modified application including deleting any instructions or sections in this form will result in a delay in the proposal evaluation process or rejection.

**1. List interns who will be travelling (maximum of 5)**

Each internship unit (IU) must be for 12 to 24 weeks and each intern can do up to 2 IUs (either consecutive or not). The total duration of a project is maximum of 2 years.

Indicate the travel destination for each intern AND the travel dates for each unit.

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| Name  of intern(s) | Destination (Canada or name of the other country) | Degree level | Project dates (dd/mm/yy) and internship length (number of weeks) | If applicable, % of project conducted at the home institution  (to a maximum of 25%) |
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**2. Proposed Research:**

**2.1 Background (1 to 2 pages)**

(a) Provide a review of the existing literature with references to relevant prior work. Explain the state of knowledge and the contribution of your project to this literature and general research field.   
(b) Clearly state the research problem, knowledge gaps and questions that your objectives are attempting to investigate, solve, and/or answer.

**2.2 Objectives of the Mitacs Globalink research project (1 to 2 pages max. depending on the number of interns)**

Describe the objectives and sub-objectives of the Globalink research project and specify whether they are part of a bigger initiative (e.g., intern’s thesis/dissertation or team project). Provide enough details for the reviewers to clearly understand what the intern(s) will be doing during their internship(s) and how they will achieve each objective. For Globalink research projects with multiple interns, explain which objectives or sub-objectives will be tackled by each intern. Distribution of the tasks among the interns must be explicit.

**2.3. Indigenous community involvement or impact (if applicable):**   
Globalink research projects that involve or impact Indigenous communities must comply with [the Mitacs Indigenous Research Policy](https://www.mitacs.ca/about/policies/).   
Provide information on i) Indigenous community support for the project, and their role in shaping its objectives & approach, ii) plans for Indigenous community access, use, and governance of resulting knowledge / data, and iii) the team’s background in Indigenous research, including any planned training / mentorship the intern(s) will receive to address deficits in experience.

You may also submit 1-2 letter(s) of support from Indigenous Elders who are members of the partner community / communities and possess the authority to speak on community interests.

**2.4 Timeline showing which task will be done when to achieve each objective**

Provide details about when and where the tasks and activities will be conducted, and by which intern.

We suggest using a Gantt chart.

**2.5 Literature cited in sections 2.1 and .2.2**

**3. Benefits to Canada**

**3.1 Collaboration between participating host and home researchers (1 page max.)**  
(a)Explain how the project aligns with the host and home supervisors’ expertise and research work, and how it supports their existing research.   
(b) Describe how the project will strengthen existing or develop future novel research collaboration between the home and the host research teams.

**3.2 Significance and impact of the project (1 page max.)**

(a) Describe what specific contributions the project is expected to provide to the industry or society, and what challenges facing the society or industry this project will address.

(b) Explain what your project will bring to Canada and the expected impact on Canada’s innovation capacity (e.g., missing skills, techniques or expertise that will be brought back, original data that will be collected by accessing specific sites or populations, innovative ways of thinking that will provide another perspective to solve Canada’s and/or the partner country’s challenges, enhance the impact of Canadian research, etc.).

**4 Opportunities offered to the intern(s)**

**4.1 Intern(s) supervision, mentorship and training environment (0.5 page max.)**

(a) Describe the planned interaction between the host supervisor(s), the research team and the intern(s), including the supervision and mentorship that the intern(s) will receive, as well as the nature, frequency, and location of these interactions.

(b) Include details on the engagement of the host institution and training opportunities offered to the intern(s), and on the research environment in which the intern(s) will be working (facilities and equipment, available expertise, research network, opportunities for fieldwork or data collection, etc.).

**4.2 Interns’ statement(s) of interest: Each intern must write their own statement**  
Duplicate sections below for each intern when there are multiple interns.

**(a) Name of intern**

**(b) Statement of interest (0.5 pages)**

Each intern must explain how participating in Mitacs Globalink will benefit their academic studies and research career (e.g., working with internationally renowned experts, unique opportunities for fieldwork or data collection, access to facilities, or expertise not available at their home institution). They must explain how they are prepared or preparing themselves, to successfully conduct this research project (skills, competence, experience, training plan, etc.).