**About the program**

Mitacs Elevate is a postdoctoral fellowship with an exclusive professional development curriculum component. Fellows address complex challenges through:

* An exclusive professional development curriculum for postdoctoral fellows in any discipline
* A two-year research project with a partner organization in need of high-level expertise
* A Partner Organization Business Case, developed to outline project objectives, risks, and stakeholder success criteria, and ensure project value

Fellows progress through the program in a cohort, giving them cross-disciplinary networking and peer-learning opportunities that they might not have otherwise in their careers. Over the two-year fellowship, fellows divide their time between their partner organization's project and academic institution-based research with their academic supervisor.

**Elevate fellows receive:**

* $55,000 minimum annual stipend/salary (for fellowships awarded after April 1, 2018)
* An exclusive professional development curriculum valued at $7,500 per year
* Proposal assistance, including application feedback, from Mitacs representatives
* Certificate of completion after receipt of their exit survey and final report submission

**Postdoctoral Fellow eligibility:**

* They are Canadian citizens, permanent residents or international applicants
* They are based at an academic institution located in Canada for the duration of the fellowship
* Their date of graduation from a PhD program is less than five years to proposed start date of the Elevate project, unless:
	+ Fellows have had a break in their career due to military service, illness, or family leave may be considered for exception and must be approved in advance of application
	+ *If this situation applies to you, please contact the Mitacs at**elevate(at)mitacs.ca*
* They have fulfilled all PhD degree requirements (e.g., successful defence, final deposit, and sign-off of dissertation), meet the postdoctoral fellow eligibility criteria at their host academic institution, hold a postdoctoral fellow status by the start date of their Mitacs Elevate fellowship (after result announcement and no later than **February 9, 2022**) and for the two-year duration of the Elevate program
* They can commit to the two-year Mitacs Elevate fellowship, including the exclusive professional development curriculum. Replacement and/or substitute fellows are not allowed
* Fellows who have held a Mitacs Accelerate award as a Masters or PhD student are eligible as long as they have not completed more than one year (three internship units equivalent) of Mitacs Accelerate at postdoctoral level. This must be completed before the start of the Mitacs Elevate fellowship
* **Fellows cannot apply to multiple Mitacs programs for the same period of time.**

**Fellows are ineligible if they have:**

* Been employed for more than six months in an R&D position outside the academic institution after receipt of their doctoral degree;
* Received an offer of employment from the proposed partner organization except an offer of this fellowship or short-term employment of up to six months while awaiting a decision on the Mitacs Elevate fellowship;
* Completed more than one year (three internship units equivalent) of Mitacs Accelerate at the postdoctoral level before the start of the Elevate fellowship; and
* Previously held a Mitacs Elevate award. Fellows who have completed Mitacs Elevate are also ineligible for Mitacs Accelerate.
* If the application is not recommended for an award, fellows may not be eligible to apply again if they have accumulated more than six months of industrial or partner organization work. It is recommended that fellows accept a temporary contract only if necessary and that the period is kept as short as possible.

### *The call for applications is now open!*

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### Before You Apply

**1. Check the dates and deadline:**

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| **June 2, 20215 p.m. PT** | ***If applicable,*** send Conflict of interest (COI) and not-for-profit (NFP) organization eligibility check to **ONE**of the following Mitacs representatives at University of Calgary: Sarah Topps stopps@mitacs.ca | Angelo Nwigwe anwigwe@mitacs.ca | Annie Hoang ahoang@mitacs.ca |

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| **June 30, 20215 p.m. PT** | Final applications are due (**NOTE**: *University of Calgary has certain* *mandatory internal deadlines before this.*)IMPORTANT: Please verify with your Mitacs representative for internal institutional deadlines.  |

**2. Connect with ONE of the three Mitacs representatives at University of Calgary to start your online application**

**Sarah Topps**stopps@mitacs.ca**| Angelo Nwigwe**anwigwe@mitacs.ca**| Annie Hoang**ahoang@mitacs.ca

***(Please do NOT email multiple people, as this only slows down the process.)***

**3. Check the**[**eligibility of the postdoctoral fellow, academic supervisor and partner organization**](https://www.mitacs.ca/en/programs/elevate/who-eligible/postdoctoral-fellows)

a. If you are collaborating with a not-for-profit, you must seek partner and project eligibility approval before proceeding by connecting with Sarah Topps, Angelo Nwigwe, or Annie Hoang

**4. Check if your**[**academic institution**](https://www.mitacs.ca/en/programs/elevate/who-eligible/universities)**requires co-funding**

* **University of Calgary: No additional funding contribution is required from the academic supervisor or university. Fellowships will be awarded competitively.**

**5. If you have a potential conflict of interest (COI):**

a. If you are uncertain if you have COI, please consult the [Mitacs Conflict of Interest Policy](https://www.mitacs.ca/en/conflict-interest-policy%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) or contact elevate(a)mitacs.ca
b. **Postdoctoral fellow COI:** Submit completed [COI Declaration](https://www.mitacs.ca/sites/default/files/resources/mitacs_coi_template_intern.docx) to your [Mitacs Representative](https://www.mitacs.ca/en/contact-us/business-development%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) for review by June 2, 2021, at 5 p.m. PT
c. **Academic supervisor COI:** Bring this to your academic institution's attention and include in your final application the documents below:

* Details on academic supervisor’s involvement with non-academic partner organization
* Evidence that the academic supervisor’s academic institution is aware of the conflict
* A description of the academic institution's mitigation measures

## How to Apply

**1. Once you have connected with a Mitacs Business Development Representative (Sarah, Angelo or Annie)**

a. Create your Elevate application [**here**](https://apply.mitacs.ca/)
b. Click [here](https://www.mitacs.ca/sites/default/files/resources/writing_your_elevate_proposal.pdf) for guidelines on how to write your proposal

**2. Upload the following documents to your Elevate application:**

a. Postdoctoral fellow’s CV
b. Proposed academic supervisor’s CV
c. Three recommendation letters with letterhead and signature required. Please refer [here](https://www.mitacs.ca/en/programs/elevate/how-apply/recommendation-letter-guidelines) for guidelines.

* One (1) recommendation letter from the proposed academic supervisor
* One (1) recommendation letter from a former supervisor or person familiar with the fellow’s research expertise
* One (1) recommendation letter from an eligible partner organization including financial contribution in dollar amount

d. Any supplementary documents as applicable

**3. Complete your Elevate application by June 30, 2021, at 5 p.m. PT.**

a.**IMPORTANT**: Please connect with your academic institution and/or Mitacs Business Development representative **before**June 30, 2021, to confirm internal academic institution deadlines
b. Full Elevate application, including signatures, are due to Mitacs by June 30, 2021, at 5 p.m. PT

## After You Apply

1. You will receive an email confirmation that your application has been received
2. The result announcement is expected in November 2021. For more information on the adjudication process, click [here](https://www.mitacs.ca/en/programs/elevate/program-administration)
3. If accepted, the project can only start after research approval of the proposal AND the receipt of the partner funds at Mitacs as per Mitacs Policy
4. The last day to start the project is on February 9, 2022