

Mitacs Internships Create Emerging Opportunities for Industry in Manitoba

March 10, 2020, Winnipeg, MB – Today, Research Manitoba and Mitacs announced the release of an Impact Report titled: [Research Partnerships in Manitoba Leverage Innovation](#).

Research Manitoba collaborated with Mitacs to develop this report to describe the results and impacts of Manitoba-based research and communicate the impacts to a wide variety of audiences. Some of the key results published in the report include:

- **Research Manitoba invested \$850,000, which supported 221 internships — leveraging \$5.7 million from industry and national partners in 2018–19 for research in Manitoba**
- **Investing in interns creates jobs in Manitoba**
- **The students developing unique skills and expertise enhance and strengthen Manitoba’s workforce**
- **Economic growth in Manitoba is created through the expansion of and innovations developed by Mitacs partner companies**

“Research Manitoba is an important and valued partner of Mitacs. By working together, we have seen substantial economic benefits in Manitoba,” said John Hepburn, CEO and Scientific Director of Mitacs. “With Research Manitoba’s support, we have worked with local companies, not-for-profit organizations and post-secondary institutions to develop local talent and kept them in the province, grow local companies’ bottom lines, and advance scientific discoveries.”

“Investing in and training students enhances careers, builds capacity, advances innovation, and results in a stronger economy in Manitoba,” said Christina Weise, CEO of Research Manitoba. “The investments we make in Mitacs are key to building a healthy and competitive economy and research community so our province can thrive — now and in the future.”

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Background:

Mitacs is a not-for-profit organization that fosters growth and innovation in Canada for business and academia. Working with over 100 post-secondary institutions, 6,000 companies, and both federal and provincial governments, it builds partnerships that support industrial and social innovation in Canada. <https://www.mitacs.ca/en>

Research Manitoba promotes, supports, and coordinates the funding of research excellence and innovation in health, natural and social sciences, engineering and the humanities in Manitoba. Research Manitoba supports local talent development by providing research support to early career researchers and graduate students, along with fostering strategic partnerships to strengthen research and innovation in Manitoba. <https://researchmanitoba.ca/>

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