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NOTICE

Subject: Invitation for applications/nominations under the University of Saskatchewan Visiting Research Student Program and the MitacsGlobalink Research Award (Canada)

The Directorate of International Affairs is in the process of developing a strategic partnership with University of Saskatchewan (USask), Saskatoon, SK, Canada.

Even while the formal partnership is being worked out, some opportunities are presently available for eligible students to undertake short-term research engagement in Canada under the University of Saskatchewan (USask) Visiting Research Student (VRS) Program and the MitacsGlobalink Research Award (GRA).

Deans and Directors of the University Schools and Centres are requested to circulate this notice widely among eligible students and faculty members, particularly those engaged in active research collaboration or interested in developing research-based international mobility pathways.

1. University of Saskatchewan Visiting Research Student Program

The Visiting Research Student category at the University of Saskatchewan is meant for students from other institutions who wish to undertake supervised student research with a faculty member at USask. The program is open to undergraduate students, postgraduate students, or those in between degree levels, subject to faculty supervision and institutional approval.

Key features of the program are as follows:

- The student is admitted to undertake full-time research with a faculty supervisor at USask
- This category is research-only; course work is not permitted under this route
- Visiting Research Students are registered as full-time students in a non-credit "XVRS" research course
- Students are assessed off-campus student fees, and the 2025–26 USask tuition factsheet lists the off-campus students' fee as CAD 59.46 per term
- Visiting Research Students have access to certain student services such as the Graduate Students' Association, University Library, Student Central, and the International Student and Study Abroad Centre
- Students are responsible for arranging their own stay and for their health plan coverage, although they may be able to opt into health and/or dental coverage through the Graduate Students' Association

Further details are available at: <https://grad.usask.ca/admissions/alternate-applicants/visiting-research-student.php>

2. MitacsGlobalink Research Award (GRA)

The MitacsGlobalink Research Award supports international research collaboration through student mobility and provides funding for research projects undertaken in another country under academic supervision. The program is open to full-time senior undergraduate students, postgraduate students, and postdoctoral fellows, with the email received indicating relevance for full-time senior undergraduate and graduate students.

Key features are as follows:

- The award supports research projects only; it is not intended for course work
- Funding is CAD 6,000 for one 12- to 24-week research project
- Funding is CAD 12,000 for one 24- to 48-week research project or two 12- to 24-week research projects
- The program is competitive, and funding is awarded subject to eligibility, proposal quality, supervisory support, and availability of funds.
- Applications are stated to open in April in the communication received; applicants should consult the official Mitacs webpage for the current call timeline and requirements.

Further details are available at: <https://www.mitacs.ca/our-programs/globalink-research-award/>

3. Indicative guidance for University Schools

University Schools /Centres may consider identifying suitable students in consultation with faculty members who already have research alignment or prospective host contacts in Canada. Since both opportunities are centered on supervised research rather than taught study, students should ordinarily have a clearly defined research topic, a willing host supervisor, and strong academic preparation relevant to the proposed project.

Schools /Centres may especially encourage applications from:

- Senior undergraduate students with strong research aptitude.
- Masters and doctoral students whose work can benefit from short-term international research exposure.
- Students already working with faculty on research papers, projects, laboratories, innovation, or dissertation-related themes.

4. Action requested

All Deans/Directors of University Schools are requested to:

- Disseminate this notice among faculty members and eligible students.
- Encourage interested students to identify suitable faculty mentors and research themes.
- Route expressions of interest, where appropriate, through the concerned School and the Directorate of International Affairs for facilitation/advisory support.

For any clarification, Schools/students may contact the **Directorate of International Affairs, GGSIPU.**


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