MITACS and Mental Health Research Canada (MHRC)

Accelerate - Summer 2022 Mental Health Internships for College Students

Subject Area:

Research related to mental health, within the following themes: 1) enhancing workplace mental health, 2) supporting diverse populations, 3) advancing digital service delivery, and 4) analyzing MHRC mental health polling data. Please see the Program Guidelines for specific requirements.

Intended to:

 Support the next generation of mental health researchers, and improve mental health service delivery to communities across Canada, through <u>research-based four-month</u> <u>student internships.</u>

Conditions:

- Interns must be Canadian citizens or Permanent Residents, must have already obtained at least a Bachelor's degree in Psychology or other relevant Life Sciences from an accredited university, and must be currently enrolled in a Canadian college certificate or diploma program, ideally in a program related to research.
- Internships will take place from May 2022 to September 2022.
- Projects must include a student, partner, academic supervisor, and a subject matter expert (at minimum, the partner and academic supervisor must be identified at the first application stage; with the student to be confirmed at a later date).
- Partners can be community organizations, not-for-profit organizations in the healthcare sector, healthcare providers (e.g. hospitals), or for-profit companies (companies in partnership with not-for-profit or service providing organizations are preferred). The Research Office must confirm partner eligibility with Mitacs.
- Interns are expected to share their time between the college and partner organization.
- All projects must have clear potential for impact to the studied population, and therefore must partner with a community service provider and integrate the insights of people with lived experience into each stage of their project.

Value:

• \$15,000 for a four-month internship unit.

Partner Contribution: Not required
Sheridan's Contribution: Not required

Application Deadline:

Applications are submitted in two stages; an initial 4-page proposal, support letter and resume to MHRC, followed by invitation to submit a formal Mitacs Accelerate application.

EOI Submission to Research Office:

Stage 1 Draft Submission to Research Office:
October 18, 2021
Stage 1 Submission Deadline to MHRC:
October 31, 2021
Stage 2 Submission Deadline to Mitacs (invited):
January 31, 2022

Notification of Award Decision: TBD

How to Apply:

To begin the application process, please download the **Expression of Interest Form** (for Faculty Researchers) or **Grant Application Summary Form** (for Research Centres) from <u>Sheridan Central</u>, or email <u>research@sheridancollege.ca</u> to discuss your research idea. The Principal Investigator, Partner and student develop the application and share it with Sheridan

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Research Office who will review and submit the application. Full applications to Mitacs must
also be reviewed by a Mitacs Business Development Manager prior to submission.

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