

## Funding increased for graduate internships

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FORT ST. JOHN -- The provincial government is providing \$10 million to triple the size of the Mathematics of Information Technology and Complex Systems (MITACS) internship program for graduate students to work with B.C. businesses.

The new funding will provide more than 650 internships over the next four years, and industry will provide another \$5 million to the program. Under MITACS, university researchers and companies work together to solve industry challenges.

"The internship program will build the province's base of highly-skilled graduates while encouraging innovation and commercialization in B.C.'s knowledge-based economy," said Advanced Education Minister Murray Coell in a release.

All provincial public post-secondary institutions that offer graduate programs can participate in the internship program. It allows graduate students to conduct applied research in partnership with industries and other organizations whose business is relevant to their studies.

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