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## ADDED INTERNS

More local graduate students will be able to benefit from an expanded internship program.

The provincial government is giving \$10 million to the program - which translates into more than 650 interships in the next four years - in order to triple its size.

Through the program, graduate students work with B.C. businesses to help increase the province's competitiveness.

The program, Acceler-ate B.C., is administered by Mathematics of Infor-mation Technology and Complex Systems, a Canadian research network of university-based researchers and companies that try to solve industry challenges.

The internships are available to all graduate students in B.C. at public, post-secondary institutions.

Accelerate B.C. gives grad students a chance to do applied research, together with industries and other organizations whose business is connected to their studies.

"B.C.'s graduate students are truly an untapped resource," said **Arvind Gupta**, scientific director of the network, in a press release.

"The research expertise that the next generation is developing at the province's universities and colleges is going to help B.C.'s businesses to become more competitive on the national and international stage."

The internships generally last for four months, although they can be longer.

Students spend half their time with a company and half back at the university.