



Province pledges \$10 million towards internship program for grad students

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The provincial government is providing \$10 million to triple the size of an internship program where graduate students will work with B.C. businesses to help increase the province's competitiveness, Advanced Education Minister Murray Coell announced recently.

"These new funds will allow **MITACS (Mathematics of Information Technology and Complex Systems)** to provide more than 650 internships over the next four years, more than tripling the size of the program," said Coell.

"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. It is also leveraging another \$5 million from industry partners for the program."

MITACS is a national research network that brings together university researchers and companies in a collaborative effort to solve industry challenges.

All provincial public post-secondary institutions that offer graduate programs will be eligible to take part in Accelerate B.C. -- the province's graduate research internship program.

It will allow graduate students to conduct applied research in partnership with industries and other organizations whose business is relevant to their studies.

The province is also funding the addition of 2,500 new graduate spaces over the next four years.

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