VCHRI Match Funding
Mitacs Accelerate Program

VCHRI partners with other organizations to co-fund research to build capacity in the health care system and optimize our investments in health research. Match funding increases the ability of VCHRI researchers to compete provincially, nationally and internationally, and attract research dollars from outside of our institute.

Mitacs provides a link between industry and post-secondary institutions, driving collaborations to develop projects that solve business challenges, and develop the nation's innovation capacity.

We are offering match funding to qualifying VCHRI investigators and trainees to apply for the Mitacs Accelerate program to support **COVID-19 research projects**.

Funding Partners
Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute partners with VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation.

Deadlines
Registration deadline via online form: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 by 4:00pm (PST)
- Register here: https://www.vchri.ca/vchri-match-funding-mitacs-accelerate

Registration is mandatory for this matched funding opportunity. After verification of the eligibility criteria, you will be notified to submit a full proposal to VCHRI for review.

Application submission deadline: Monday, January 31, 2022 by 4:00pm (PST).

Completed applications must be received via email at education.award@vch.ca by the times specified or they will not be accepted.

Eligibility Criteria
Please contact the VCHRI Awards team if you are unsure if you meet the eligibility requirements. Review the Mitacs eligibility criteria to ensure those guidelines are also met. The Mitacs Accelerate International program is excluded from this matched funding opportunity.

Intern: You are eligible to be the intern on an application if you meet all the following criteria. The Intern must:
- be currently enrolled in a Master's or PhD program, or a Postdoctoral Fellow at a VCHRI site
- have an academic supervisor who is a VCHRI full investigator
- primarily conduct their work at a VCH site
- not currently hold a scholarship or fellowship from another funder
- meet the eligibility criteria provided by Mitacs

Academic Supervisor: You are eligible to be the academic supervisor on an application if you meet all the following criteria. The Academic Supervisor must:
- hold a PhD or a MD and/or be a VCH health care professional
  **Note: Medical residents, research associates, post-doctoral fellows, clinical/research fellows, and research scientists are not eligible. Casual employees are not eligible to apply.
- have an assistant or clinical assistant professor appointment or higher at an affiliated institution
- conduct most of your work at one or more VCH site(s)

VCH Partner: You are eligible to be the VCH partner on an application if you meet all the following criteria. The VCH partner:

- must be a VCH clinician and/or health care professional, (e.g. physician, nurse, OT, PT, dietician, SLP, counsellor, mental health worker, etc) whose primary work is at a VCH site. (Note: Medical residents, clinical/academic research fellows, academic researchers are **NOT** eligible as the VCH Partner)
- works at a VCH site (this does **NOT** include BCCA, BCCDC or PHSA sites or medical offices not on a VCH site)
- is currently a regular part-time or full-time permanent position at VCH (for clinician); or as a physician, where VCH is where you do most of your clinical work. (Note: casual, contract or consulting staff are **NOT** eligible as the VCH Partner)

*The primary work areas between the Academic Supervisor and VCH Partner should not overlap. It is important to maintain the spirit of this program to provide the Intern with exposure to a new setting and network, or essentially a new experience.

Research Proposal Eligibility Criteria

- Projects must address important questions related to COVID-19, and the results must be applicable to the provision of care and/or service at VCH.
- The intent of this competition is to support new graduate students or postdoctoral fellows, and not to provide additional funding to those who have existing and/or larger scholarships or fellowships.
- Multi-organizational projects, where VCH is one 'site' on the project are not eligible.
- Proposals will be considered for a maximum of $15,000 for each 4-month internship. Unused funds are to be returned to VCHRI. Awards are non-renewable.
- Projects must meet eligibility criteria provided by Mitacs.

Application

Review the Mitacs proposal package: https://www.mitacs.ca/en/programs/accelerate/proposal.

Evaluation Criteria

- VCHRI will review alignment of the proposed research to COVID-19 research.
- See guidelines from Mitacs on evaluation criteria.

Review Process

To receive VCHRI matched funding, proposals must be successful in the Mitacs peer-review process that assesses research quality and impact. VCHRI does not conduct a separate peer-review process; instead applications are assessed internally for alignment with the eligibility requirements noted above. VCHRI will not guaranteed match funding. The final decision is subject to availability of VCHRI funds and the applicant's success in the external grant competition.

Outcomes and Reporting

Final written and project end financial reporting are required. VCHRI and its funding partners use the project reports to publicize research activities and to evaluate the impact of the program.

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