

# NSERC Alliance-Mitacs Accelerate joint applications

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# MITJCS

NSERC and Mitacs have developed an opportunity for applicants seeking support from both an NSERC Alliance and Mitacs Accelerate, to apply through a single application submission and review process.

https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/NSERC-Alliance-Mitacs\_eng.asp

## **NSERC** Alliance-Mitacs Accelerate grants

## **Eligibility**

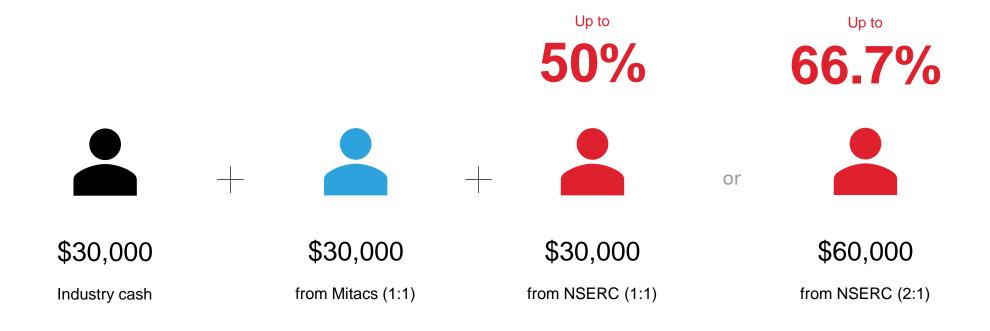
- Available only for Alliance option 1
- Principles & requirements of <u>Alliance</u> must be met
- Principles & requirements of <u>Accelerate</u> must be met



Where variances in program eligibility or terms exist, the stricter of the two will apply.

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## **Cost-sharing ratio**



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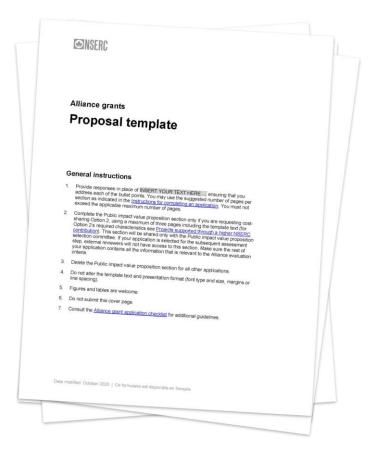
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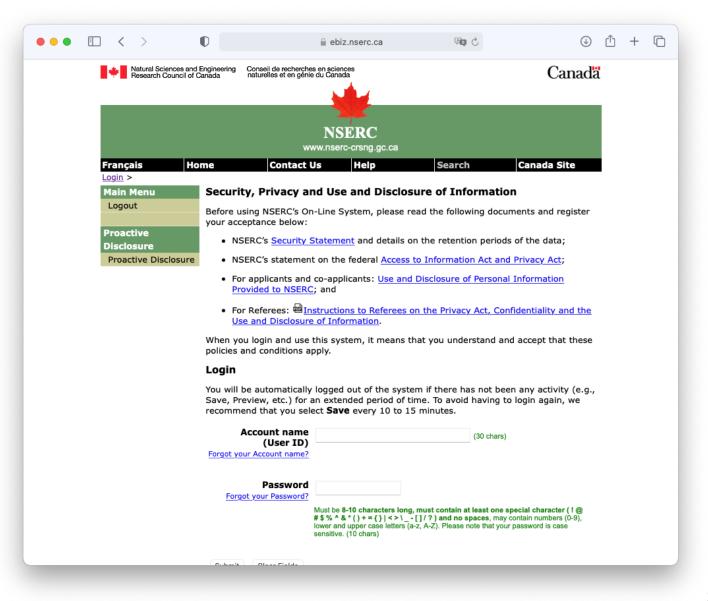
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Complete NSERC proposal template

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## Proposal development

## Mitacs Accelerate supplemental form

- Align with overall NSERC project
  - Refer to what is described in the NSERC application so reviewers understand contributions of interns
- Include details of internships and subprojects
- Upload in Other Documents section
  - Generate combined pdf with risk assessment form



## Mitacs Accelerate-NSERC Alliance Joint Application

#### INSTRUCTIONS

- Only use this template when instructed by Mitaes. Please check with your Mitaes Business Development representative to make sure you have the latest version of this form before beginning your application.
- Your Miscs Business Development representative must check your draft prior to your submission of this form and help complete the Milacs Accelerate Budget and Invoice Schedule
- You must submit this form (with all required signatures) with your Alliance application to the NBERC
- Please do not modify, remove text or instructions in each section/subsection or reformat this form in any way. A modified form will result in a delay in the internship evaluation process. Send your draft proposal to your Mitacs Business Development representative prior to obtaining all signatures and submitting.
- The start date of the Accelerate internship(s) must be after research approval and the receipt of the partner
- Partner funds can be sent directly to Mitacs prior to approval to expedite the process.
- If applicable, proposals with a not-for-profit (NFP) partner, including municipalities and hospitals, must seek partner and project eligibility approval before proceeding. Please contact a Mitaos Business De untailive to discuss the eligibility of an NFP organization BEFORE submitting your application.
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- Accelerate budget and invoicing schedule (Excel spreadsheet)
- Any supplementary documents (as applicable)

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## **NSERC-Alliance** proposal

- **HQP** Training
  - Indicate role of Mitacs interns and quality of training experiences
  - Describe nature of partner interaction and mentorship, commitment to training of HQP
  - Describe appropriateness of number of internships and level relative to project scope



#### Alliance grants

## Proposal template

 For large (average of more than \$300,000 per year requested from NSERC) multi-party projects (multiple universities and/or partner organizations), it may be appropriate to provide a description of up to three additional pages detailing university support, governance structure and project management. If applicable, please detail the project manager's qualifications, involvement, role

## INSERT YOUR TEXT HERE, RESPONDING TO EACH OF THE ABOVE POINTS

- Indicate how the knowledge and experience gained by research trainees and the partners' staff members are relevant to the advancement of the field, to applying knowledge or to strengthening
- Describe how the project and the partnership offer opportunities for enriched training experiences that will allow research trainees (undergraduates, graduates and postdoctoral fellows) to develop relevant technical skills as well as professional skills, such as leadership, communication, collaboration and entrepreneurship. Include the nature of the planned interactions with the
- Explain how equity, diversity and inclusion are considered in the training plan (see <a href="here">here</a> for

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- Use this section to provide a list of the most relevant literature references. Do not refer readers to websites for additional information on your proposal. Do not introduce hyperlinks in your list of
- These pages are not included in the page count.

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## **Questions?**



## **Budget development**

## **NSERC Alliance application**

- Proposed expenditures/budget justification
- Total planned spending (NSERC and Mitacs funds, partner contributions)
- NSERC funds should also support HQP

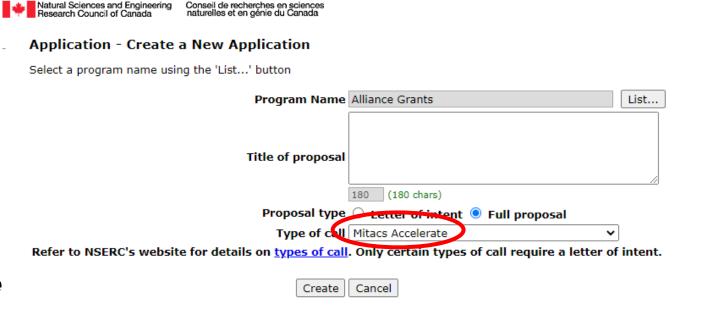
#### Select "Instructions" from the common menu bar for details on how to complete this page. Note: The "Total amount requested from NSERC" on your application is calculated automatically and equals the "Total proposed expenditures" minus the "Cash contributions to direct costs of research" (if applicable) from the Contributions from Partner Organizations page (Contributions in the left hand menu). Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 1) Salaries and benefits a) Students 0 b) Postdoctoral fellows 0 c) Technical/professional assistants 0 2) Equipment or facility a) Purchase or rental 0 b) Operation and maintenance costs 0 c) User fees 0 0 3) Materials and supplies 0 4) Travel a) Conferences b) Field work c) Project related travel 0 d) [ 0 5) Dissemination a) Publication costs 6) Technology transfer activities 0

Form 101 - Proposed Expenditures

TOTAL PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

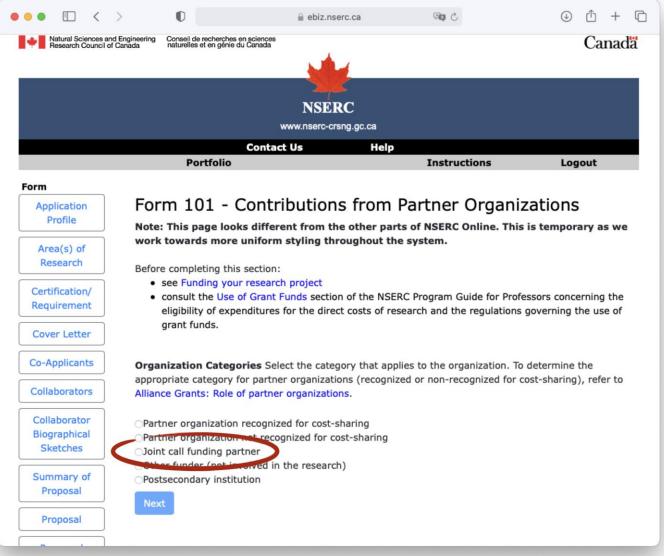
## **NSERC** portal

- Login to NSERC <u>online system</u> and create Form 101
- Program Name: Select Research
   Partnerships Programs, then Alliance
   Grants
- Proposal Type: Select Full Proposal
- Type of Call: Select Mitacs Accelerate from the drop-down menu



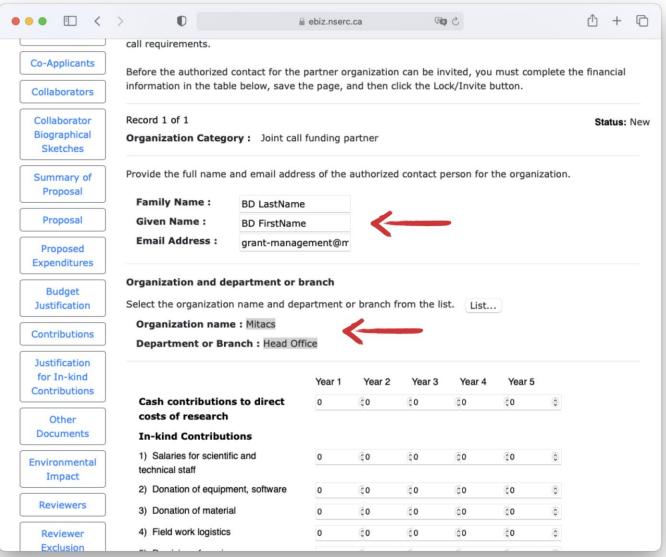
## **Contributions from Partner Organizations (Form 101)**

- Indicate Mitacs contribution on Form 101: Contributions from Partner Organizations
- Select Joint call funding partner



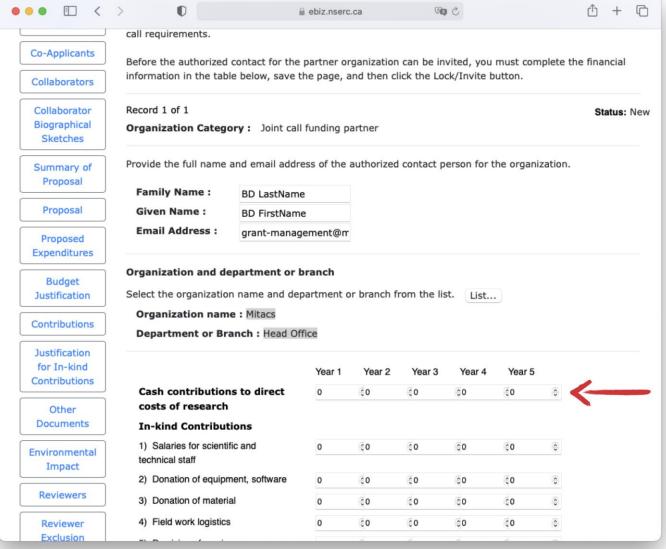
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- Contact from Mitacs: BD
- Email address: grant-management@mitacs.ca
- Organization name: Mitacs
- Department or Branch: Head Office



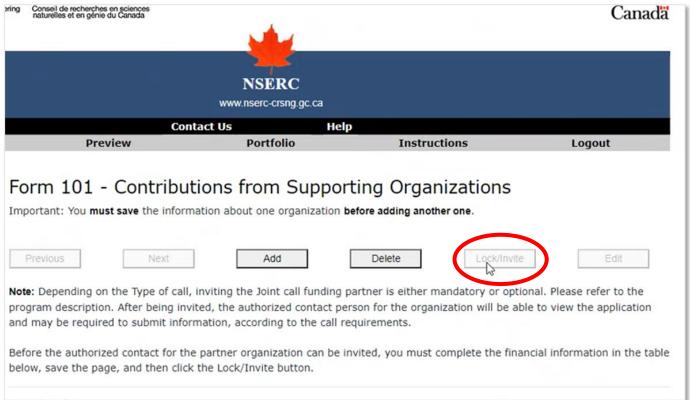
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 Outline the amount expected from Mitacs per year



Contributions from Partner Organizations (Form 101)

- Add Mitacs to the application
- After completing the application:
   Lock/Invite



## Mitacs pre-review

- Internal review Mitacs research team
  - Up to 2 weeks
- Mitacs will contact the applicants in case of review requests
- Mitacs signs on the application in the NSERC portal – Ready to finish and submit



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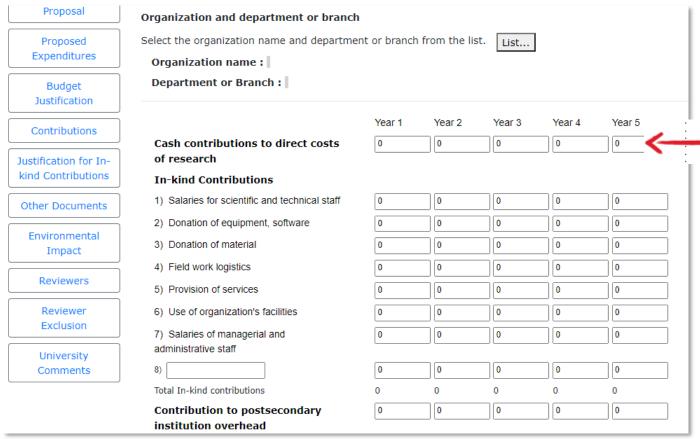
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- Indicate total amount of partner contribution, not just funds leveraged with Mitacs
  - Cash contributions to direct costs of research
  - In-kind contributions



## **Administrative review**

- Submit application in portal
  - FRF team carries out administrative review of entire application
  - IPS forwards application to NSERC



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NSERC file managers	External reviewers	Ad hoc committee of external reviewers
Evaluation supported by	With expertise directly	
existing NSERC peer	related to the proposal	With expertise directly
review (the applicant		related to the proposal
and each co-applicant	Provide review based	
must hold an active	on the evaluation	Provide review based
peer-reviewed grant	criteria	on the evaluation
from NSERC as primary		criteria
applicant at the time of		
application)		
External reviewers		
If there is no existing		
NSERC peer review for		
the applicant or one of		
the co-applicants,		
external reviewers with		
expertise directly		
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will be used		

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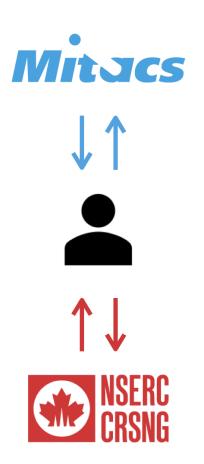
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weeks if evaluation is upported by existing SERC peer review	8 to 12 weeks	12 to 16 weeks
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## Communicating and Reporting

## **Award and Post-Award Processes**

- Award notices sent separately by each agency per standard practice.
- Standard Alliance and Accelerate reporting will apply.
- NSERC and Mitacs will strive to streamline reporting requirements to lessen the burden on participants.



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