

# POR-MITACS FELLOWSHIPS

BRINGING PATIENT-ORIENTED APPROACHES INTO THE WORKPLACE



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PASSERELLE SPOR National Training Entity and **Mitacs** invite undergraduate, college and graduate students, postdoctoral fellows from all disciplines to participate in this new **patient-oriented research (POR)-Mitacs Fellowship Program**.

### Summary

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- **Award:** A fellowship stipends of up to \$50,000 maximum. Stipends include a matching contribution from the selected partner organization and Mitacs, and a \$5,000 contribution from PASSERELLE.
- **Fellowship term:** The fellowship program occurs over a one-year term and will include patient-oriented research training, networking, mentorship, and an internship. Within the fellowship year, fellows will complete a 6-month placement with an industry, non-profit, municipalities, or hospital partner to expand their skill set and make connections. This placement can occur at any point over the course of the one-year fellowship and can be completed in a timeline agreed upon by academic and the selected partner organization. The fellowship will occur from June 2024 to May 2025.
- **Eligibility:** Undergraduate, college and graduate students, postdoctoral fellows in an eligible Canadian academic institution from all disciplines interested in patient-oriented research.
- **Co-funding:** Matching co-funding (up to \$15,000) is required from the [partner organization](#) (e.g., Canadian industry, non-profit, municipalities, or hospitals) **under the Life Sciences special offer**.
- **Applications:** Rolling until February 9, 2024.
- **Awards Notice:** About 12 weeks after the respective submission deadline.

## What is the POR–Mitacs Fellowship Program?

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PASSERELLE SPOR National Training Entity aims to collectively grow, support and sustain the capacity for a collaborative, interdisciplinary and innovative patient-oriented research (POR) environment capable of addressing evolving health care questions, contributing to enhancing patients' healthcare experience and wellbeing.

In support of this goal, a POR-Mitacs Fellowship Program was established to provide a mechanism to support projects that integrate the principles of patient-oriented research and provide fellows with training, networking and mentoring opportunities that foster the development of patient-oriented research and professional skills that are applicable across diverse career trajectories.

The POR-Mitacs Fellowship Program supports opportunities that:

- Are inclusive of patients\* and actively solicit and recognize the value of diverse voices and involvement through all levels of the research process (\*patients, caregivers/families & the public).
- Provide experiential learning opportunities to enhance patient-oriented research skills and competencies.
- Are committed to capacity building and bi-directional learning.

## Opportunities and Expectations

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- Fellows will be onboarded into PASSERELLE'S POR community and provided access to additional training opportunities and resources. They will have access to discussion boards with peers in the POR-Mitacs fellowship program and other POR programs, tailored events and activities, and a network of mentors.
- Throughout the course of the one-year fellowship, fellows will meet to foster collaboration, support mentorship and engage in professional development and capacity building.
- Additionally, all fellows will engage in 6-month placement with their **selected partner organization**.
- All fellows will be expected to present their projects at a showcase event.

## Who should apply?

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- Full-time undergraduate, college and graduate students, postdoctoral fellows from all disciplines interested in patient-oriented research from an eligible Canadian academic institution
- Canadian citizens, permanent residents, and international students over the age of 18
- All Academic disciplines

## How to apply?

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**Step one:** If you are interested in applying, contact your local [Mitacs Advisors](#) and PASSERELLE at [info@passerelle-nte.ca](mailto:info@passerelle-nte.ca) to learn more or discuss next steps.

**Step two:** Submit an application to Mitacs Accelerate Programs and specify that you are applying for the **POR-Mitacs Fellowship (Accelerate Program)**.

**Step three:** Submit a letter of intent to PASSERELLE by the application deadline at [info@passerelle-nte.ca](mailto:info@passerelle-nte.ca). The letter MUST 1) include your project abstract, 2) describe how the project aligns with POR principles, and 3) explain how the added PASSERELLE contribution would further benefit the project. Please clearly indicate **POR-MITACS Fellowship** in the subject line of email submissions and in the letter of intent.

Note: this fellowship opportunity does not preclude /restrict funding/awards from other agencies.

**QUESTIONS:** For questions about the Mitacs Accelerate Internships, please contact your University Mitacs Advisor. For more information about this program, finding a partner organization and/or the POR stipend top-up, please contact [info@passerelle-nte.ca](mailto:info@passerelle-nte.ca).

## About

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## About Mitacs

Mitacs works to bring innovation to more people in more places across Canada and around the world. Mitacs makes investing in new knowledge easier through access to top researchers, flexible project plans, and co-investments in talent.

A not-for-profit organization, Mitacs is funded by the Government of Canada, the Government of Alberta, the Government of British Columbia, Research Manitoba, the Government of New Brunswick, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, the Government of Nova Scotia, the Government of Ontario, Innovation PEI, the Government of Quebec, the Government of Saskatchewan, and the Government of Yukon.

Learn more at [mitacs.ca](https://mitacs.ca)



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## About PASSERELLE

PASSERELLE SPOR National Training Entity is a Canadian-wide hub that aims to develop and strengthen capacity in patient-oriented research (POR) by supporting individuals and organizations with the necessary knowledge, skills, and resources to conduct high-quality research that is meaningful and relevant to the needs and priorities of patients and users of health and social services.

PASSERELLE is funded by the Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR) under their Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research (SPOR) initiative.

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