



# PASSERELLE

National hub in  
capacity development for  
patient-oriented research

Pôle national de développement  
des capacités en recherche  
axée sur le patient

## Launch of the 2nd Edition of the POR-Mitacs Fellowships: Supporting the Integration of Patient-Oriented Approaches in the Workplace

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**Quebec, November 13, 2024** – PASSERELLE, the National Training Entity for the Patient-Oriented Research (POR) Strategy, in collaboration with Mitacs, is pleased to announce the launch of the second edition of the POR-Mitacs Fellowships. This unique program is designed for students and postdoctoral fellows from all disciplines and aims to support research projects that integrate the principles of patient-oriented research (POR), while providing opportunities for training, networking, and mentorship.

### A Fellowship of up to \$50,000 for Innovative Projects

The fellowships, valued at up to \$50,000, follow the same funding model as the Mitacs Acceleration Fellowships and include an equal contribution from the selected partner organization and Mitacs. Additionally, PASSERELLE offers compensation of up to \$5,000 to support fellowship recipients' participation in capacity-building activities such as training, events, or patient and public engagement activities.

### A One-Year Program to Develop Skills in Patient-Oriented Research

The program will run from June 2025 to May 2026, offering fellows professional development activities, networking opportunities, and personalized mentorship. Fellows will complete a minimum six-month placement with a partner organization (company, non-profit organization, hospital, or municipality) to acquire new skills and expand their professional network.

### Who Can Apply?

Applications are open to full-time undergraduate, college and graduate students, and postdoctoral fellows from eligible Canadian universities who are interested in patient-oriented research. Applicants must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents, or international students over 18 years of age. The application deadline is **February 7, 2025**.

## An Opportunity to Contribute to Improving Healthcare

This program offers a unique opportunity to contribute to improving healthcare, social, and community services, as well as patient well-being, by promoting the integration of patient voices and experiences into the research process. Fellows will also be integrated into the PASSERELLE community, gaining access to exclusive resources, discussion forums, and a network of peers and mentors.

## How to Apply?

Interested candidates must follow these steps to submit their application:

1. Contact their local Mitacs advisor to clarify the procedure and program requirements, while copying PASSERELLE as [info@passerelle-nte.ca](mailto:info@passerelle-nte.ca).
2. Contact PASSERELLE directly at [info@passerelle-nte.ca](mailto:info@passerelle-nte.ca) for more information.
3. Submit their application to the Mitacs Accelerate Program, specifying their interest in the POR-Mitacs Fellowships.
4. Submit a letter of intent to PASSERELLE, outlining their project, its alignment with the principles of POR, and the how PASSERELLE's contribution would impact their project.

## About PASSERELLE

PASSERELLE is a pan-Canadian hub that develops and strengthens research capacity with and for patients, providing the necessary resources to conduct innovative research projects that enhance the healthcare experience.

## About Mitacs

Mitacs is a national organization that supports innovation in Canada by facilitating research partnerships between academia and the public and private sectors. Mitacs is funded by various provincial and federal governments.

## Relevant Links

[Call for Application](#)

[PASSERELLE's Website](#)

[Mitacs' Website](#)

[Mitacs – Accelerate Fellowships](#)

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