1. **­Intern Summary**

1.1 Please state the name of each intern (enter ‘TBD’ if unknown), the intern’s academic level, and the number of internship units (IUs) associated with each intern. Note that each IU corresponds to one 4–6-month internship. Please refer to the [**Accelerate Guide: Writing your proposal**](https://www.mitacs.ca/sites/default/files/resources/accelerate_guide_to_writing_your_proposal.pdf) for assistance.

Projects submitted on this template are limited to a combined maximum of 3 IUs in total. These can be allocated to a single intern or divided among a maximum of 3 interns.

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| **Intern(s) Name**  | **Academic Level** | **Number of internship units (maximum cumulative total of 3 IUs)** | **Internship duration (indicate 4, 6, 8, 12 or 18 months)** |
| Name | Select | 2 | 12 months |

1. **Description Of Proposed Research**
	1. **Project Summary** (maximum 300 words):

(1) State the research question that this project will address, (2) Describe the main activities of the partner organization and the challenge(s) the partner aims to solve through this project, (3) Outline the anticipated social or economic benefits of the project for the partner organization(s). Note that this section will be used to recruit reviewers.

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* 1. **Background** (Novelty of Proposed Research):

Provide a review of relevant prior work in order to situate this project relative to its significance as a novel area of inquiry. For guidelines on eligible research, refer to Mitacs’ [Responsible Conduct of Research Policy](https://www.mitacs.ca/about/policies/). Please ensure all sources are appropriately cited and a list of references is included in section 2.8.

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* 1. **Project Plan:**

Describe the (1) objectives of the project, (2) specific methodologies, and (3) expected deliverables (including any publications or knowledge translation activities). If the project includes multiple interns, consider including a table to outline the unique activities for each intern and their relationships.

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* 1. **Partner Interaction:** Please state the nature of the partner interaction: Onsite [ ]  Virtual[ ]  Hybrid[x]

Describe the activities that will be performed with the partner organization(s) (and incubator, for **Accelerate Entrepreneur applicants**). Indicate (1) who the intern(s) will have direct interaction with, (2) the partner resources provided for the project and intern(s), and (3) the partner’s physical/virtual facilities (include location if physical) at which interns will be working.

Interns will be supported by the PSSO team during this project, and have many opportunities to interact both virtually and on-site, including but not limited to:

* Attending PSSO conference in Fall 2025
* Engagement with PSSO clients
* Progress updates for PSSO team
* Webinar on educational supports
* Submit knowledge translation article(s) to PSSO for publication in newsletter
* Community engagement with PSSO (eg. Walk for Parkinson’s, PSSO Golf Fundraiser, committee involvement)
* Consultation with PSSO CEO and team members and partnering clinicians re: technical aspects of the study, for their feedback and input on experimental designs, methodology, and any resulting publications and/or knowledge translation activities.

When on site, PSSO will provide interns desk space, laptop use & Wi-Fi, board rooms for meetings, access to PSSO clients and patients (for study recruitment, if needed), and expertise from the Client Services Coordinator and the Education Coordinator at PSSO.

* 1. **Indigenous community involvement or impact (if applicable):**

Internships that involve or impact Indigenous communities must comply with Mitacs’ [Indigenous Research Policy](https://www.mitacs.ca/about/policies/). Please provide information on (1) Indigenous community support for the project, and their role in shaping its objectives & approach, (2) plans for Indigenous community access, use, and governance of resulting knowledge / data, and (3) the team’s background in Indigenous research, including any planned training / mentorship the intern(s) will receive to address deficits in experience. You may also submit 1-2 letter(s) of support from Indigenous Elders who are members of the partner community / communities and possess the authority to speak on community interests.

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* 1. **Relationship with Past/Present Mitacs projects:**

Is this project related to, or a continuation of, any past/present Mitacs projects?          Yes      No
If **Yes**, provide specifics about the relationship(s), including relevant project IT#(s). If the current project is a continuation of prior work, briefly describe how it meaningfully furthers what has been previously achieved*.*

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* 1. **Benefit to Canada (if applicable):**

If the proposed research will involve (1) a partner organization located outside of Canada, (2) a partner organization that is a Canadian subsidiary or branch office of an organization headquartered outside of Canada, or (3) a collaborator from an organization (academic, industrial, government, or non-profit) located outside of Canada, describe the expected societal / economic benefits to Canada from this project.

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* 1. **References:**

Please cite academic references listed in this proposal.

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