



INVESTMENT UPDATE
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Ontario, Canada Opens Its Doors To Students From India

Some of the brightest students from India are coming to Ontario, Canada to take part in cutting-edge research internships at nine universities.

With support from the Ontario government, *MITACS* is providing 47 students with three-month internships working with Canada's world-renowned researchers.

Students will work on a number of research projects, including improving 3D medical images and studying the transmission of drug resistant strains of HIV. In addition to taking part in projects, the students will also receive training and visit leading-edge companies to learn more about working in Ontario.

Through the Open Ontario plan, the province is promoting its postsecondary institutions abroad to encourage the next generation of skilled workers to study and settle in the province.

"I'd like to officially welcome the students to Ontario; they are a vital part of our plan to encourage the world's best students to study and settle in the province. In an increasingly global economy, Ontario needs to provide its students with learning opportunities abroad while opening our doors to the world as a destination of choice for postsecondary education," said John Milloy, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities.

"MITACS would like to thank the Government of Ontario for its partnership in the Globalink program and for its commitment to opening the province's universities to top international students. In order to build the knowledge economy, we must attract highly skilled young researchers to Ontario and expose them to our research excellence, innovative industries and top-notch universities," said Dr. Arvind Gupta, C.E.O. & Scientific Director of MITACS.

"Through the Globalink Program, I have had the opportunity to experience what Ontario universities can offer students in terms of research and training. I have truly enjoyed leaving India for the first time and meeting people from different cultures and backgrounds and will take much back home with me when my project is complete," said Sridhar Sadasivam, Student from IIT Madras, Internship Participant.



QUICK FACTS

- MITACS is a national non-profit organization dedicated to research.
- Ontario is providing \$500,000 over two years to MITACS to support this internship program with Indian students.
- In 2008-09, more than 37,000 international students were enrolled at Ontario colleges and universities, each contributing upwards of an estimated \$27,000 to the Ontario economy.
- In 2009-10, 39 students participated in an exchange through the Ontario Maharashtra Goa program (20 inbound, 19 outbound).
- Seven out of every 10 new jobs created in Ontario over the next decade will require postsecondary education or training.
- Since 2003, the Ontario government has added 120,000 college and university students.

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