

## Government Funds Increased Research and Business Opportunities – News Release Backgrounder

- Mitacs, Inc. is a national not-for-profit research and development organization that specializes in commercialization of cutting edge technologies. The organization enables the development and deployment of next-generation innovators with vital scientific and business skills by matching top Canadian and international university talent with companies to solve problems and increase competitiveness at low cost.
- The Mitacs *Accelerate* program leverages provincial, federal and industry funds to support applied research and development and help Saskatchewan companies grow. Graduate students and postdoctoral fellow interns apply research and technology expertise to individual firms' industrial challenges to improve productivity and innovation, while gaining valuable industry experience, networks and professional business and entrepreneurship skills for high-quality jobs.
- The Mitacs *Globalink* program places Saskatchewan students in foreign universities and companies to gain international research and work experience. It also recruits top international students from rapidly developing countries to work with Saskatchewan researchers. This strengthens research ties and promotes Saskatchewan as a top research and education destination, while creating pathways for innovators and entrepreneurs to settle in Saskatchewan.