

GRI Immigration Policy and Procedures Acknowledgement:

Terms of 120-day work permit exemption for researchers

As a foreign national, you are neither a citizen nor a permanent resident of Canada. As such, you do not have a categorical right to enter Canada. Furthermore, the activities that you undertake while you are in Canada are governed by various Canadian laws and subject to screening by immigration officials. If, after entering Canada, you are found to be out of compliance with any permissions granted to you by immigration officials, your ability to travel back to Canada, apply for residency or enter other countries for work, study or residence could be negatively impacted.

Therefore, it is important that you read and understand the following information prior to signing.

As a Globalink Research Intern, you may be eligible to participate in the [Global Skills Strategy](#) – 120-day work permit exemption for researchers. This new stream of entry to Canada allows highly-qualified researchers to enter the country without the need to apply for a work permit. Mitacs will guide you regarding documents required under this particular program so that you may apply for the exemption at the Canadian border. You will receive information about any steps that you need to take in advance of your travel and upon arrival.

However, it is very important that you review the official Canadian immigration website: <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/immigration-citizenship.html> for any other documents you may require when entering Canada.

Note that applying under the Global Skills Strategy means that there are certain requirements that you **must** meet. These requirements are in addition to all other immigration requirements, therefore, please read the following statements and confirm that they apply to your situation:

Required documentation

- You must provide sufficient documentary evidence to satisfy an officer that a short-term exemption applies.
- Documentary evidence includes written confirmation from the publicly funded degree-granting institution (or its affiliated research institution, if work is being done there) attesting to the following:
 - the details of the work (that is, descriptions of the duties, research activities and the National Occupational Classification code of the occupation the foreign national will be performing)
 - the period of employment (start date and end date)
 - Acceptable documentary evidence may also include written confirmation from an organization that coordinates the selection and hiring of researchers intending to work at the degree granting institution or its affiliated research institutions.

Other documents that may be requested include the following:

- transcripts, diplomas or certificates
- evidence of the significant role the foreign national will play in or the value the foreign national will add to the research project.
- Certain foreign nationals who are exempt from the requirement to obtain a TRV must apply for an eTA (Electronic Travel Authorization): <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/operational-bulletins-manuals/temporary-residents/eta.html>
- That you have not entered Canada under a 120-day work permit exemption for researchers in the last 12 months.

Duration of stay in Canada

You will be in Canada, from the time of landing to the time of departure, for no more than 120 calendar days.
You will *not* extend your stay in Canada beyond 120 days

Note: As a researcher exempt from a work permit under the Global Skills Strategy, **you will not be able to extend your stay in Canada beyond 120 days** whether for work, study or visit.

If you receive an invitation to work or study after you arrive in Canada and while you are performing your Globalink research, **you will need to leave Canada and obtain the proper documentation from abroad** in order to apply under a new immigration category.

If any of the above statements does **not** apply to your situation, please contact helpdesk@mitacs.ca before proceeding.

If you click 'I Disagree', your internship could be terminated.