Call for Proposals Dated February 26, 2021
Mitacs Program 2021 – 2023 (General Call) at KIT
Globalink Research Awards for Doctoral and Postdoctoral Researchers of KIT

A. Background of the Project
Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) and Mitacs Inc.\(^1\) will cooperate in future to advance and strengthen research collaboration between Germany and Canada. The partnership between Mitacs and KIT is aimed at supporting recruitment of highly qualified doctoral and postdoctoral researchers and at strengthening international research collaborations of Canadian and German universities and research institutions.

B. Funding Model
The program will enable up to eight doctoral and postdoctoral researchers each of KIT and eligible Canadian universities\(^2\) to conduct research in the partner country. The applicants shall identify their host institutions on their own and request approval of their stays abroad for research into a subject of choice.

The funding scheme is as follows:

- For each Globalink Research Award, travel funds in the gross amount of up to 6000 Canadian Dollars (CAD)\(^3\) per project are available.
- 3000 CAD\(^4\) are borne by Mitacs and the Canadian University. 50% of KIT’s share of 3000 Canadian Dollars (CAD) are financed from third-party funds of the International Affairs Business Unit (DE INTL)\(^5\). The remaining 50% will be funded by the institutes of KIT.

The participants shall settle their travel expenses as follows:

\(^{1}\)Mitacs Inc. is a Canadian non-profit organization that has conceived and executed research and education programs in Canada for 20 years now. It cooperates with 70 Canadian universities
https://www.mitacs.ca/en/about

\(^{2}\)https://www.mitacs.ca/en/about/partners

\(^{3}\)3915.48€ (Status: February 23, 2021)

\(^{4}\)1957.47€ (Status: February 23, 2021)

\(^{5}\)Under the agreement with Mitacs, 8 persons are presently given the opportunity to conduct research in Canada. Once this quota is exhausted, other persons may be delegated to Canada under the program, but without funding by DE INTL.
Participants having an employment relationship with KIT shall ask their superiors for approval of the business trip and shall settle their travel expenses with the respective KIT office.

During their research stays abroad, the doctoral and postdoctoral researchers will remain staff members of their delegating institutions.

For doctoral and postdoctoral researchers, who apply without being employed by or outside of an employment with KIT (e.g. doctoral scholarship holders), it holds:

The mobility grant will be paid in the form of a reimbursement of travel expenses. Upon approval, DE INTL will provide further details for accounting. Contrary to employees, the travel in this case is no business trip.

As usual for awards, the results developed by the awardees shall remain their property.

C. Target Group

The Globalink Research Awards Program addresses doctoral researchers as well as postdocs, who were conferred their doctorates not more than five years ago.

D. Funding Period

The research stay has a duration of 12 to 24 weeks and may be specified individually depending on the research project. Generally, it is recommended to plan the research stay for three months, but also longer stays are possible. The duration of the research stay shall not affect the amount of the award.

E. Eligible Topics

Eligible research proposals may be related to all topics. The main condition is participation of a Canadian research institution or university that cooperates with Mitacs Inc.

F. Application Procedure outbound to Canada:

1. Participation in the Program for the Globalink Research Awards requires the willingness of an eligible Canadian research institution to host the applicant during the research stay. The same applies to Canadian doctoral and postdoctoral researchers coming to KIT. Project proposals for a research at a Canadian research institution or university may be submitted to the contact person at DE INTL (Oliver Kaas, phone 45323, email: oliver.kaas@kit.edu). Further information on this call for proposals and the required application documents may be found on the website describing the program.

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6 Scholarship holders and other grantees, who have no employment relationship with KIT, will have to check on their own whether the said scholarship/grant is compatible with the Mitacs Globalink Research Award.

7 There shall be no entitlement to this grant. Awarding the grant shall be based on the “Guidelines for Awarding Qualification, Research, and Mobility Scholarships at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)”, official announcement No. 51 of September 23, 2020. The German version is available at https://www.sle.kit.edu/downloads/AmtlicheBekanntmachungen/2020_AB_051.pdf. It is applicable, unless otherwise provided for in this call or by a separate agreement.

8 The stay (including vacation) must not exceed 183 days, otherwise taxes must be paid in Canada.
2. All Globalink Research Award projects must receive proper endorsement by the Canadian university in order to be eligible. It is the responsibility of the Canadian academic supervisor to seek their university’s endorsement before preparing the application. Canadian academic supervisors can contact their local Mitacs Business Development representative for more information on how to obtain their university’s endorsement. This endorsement implies that the Canadian university accepts to co-fund the project.

3. Interested institutes of KIT may submit an application by March 28, 2021. At least 75% of the research project must be carried out at the partner institution, 25% may be carried out at the home university.

4. The decision as to whom the Globalink Research Award is granted will be announced by Mitacs Inc. about eight weeks upon receipt of the application documents. The research stay may start on June 01, 2021. Due to the pandemic, the research stay may be postponed by up to one year (June 01, 2022).

5. When looking for suitable Canadian partners, DE INTL may provide support.

6. If you are interested in the Program, inform the contact person of DE INTL.

G. Selection Criteria
The complete applications received by the deadline will be submitted to the KHYS\(^9\) Steering Committee for selection. The applications will be prioritized according to the following selection criteria:

- Scientific career and scientific achievements so far (mobility, determination, scientific productivity);
- originality and innovation potential of the research project proposed (convincing choice of scientific methods, potentials for further scientific development, clear focus and feasibility within the funding period applied for, possibility of executing the project at the host institute;
- potential for perspectives of the KIT, e.g. by:
  - support of collaborations or strategic partnerships,
  - generation of synergies and initiation of new topics,
  - future acquisition of funding.

The priorities determined by the KHYS Steering Committee will then be forwarded to the Executive Board for decision. The decision on funding will be made by the Executive Board based on the recommendation made by the KHYS Steering Committee.

H. Deadlines
Applications may be submitted twice per year. The submission deadline in spring is March 28.
The submission deadline in summer is August 20.

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\(^9\) Karlsruhe House of Young Scientists (KHYS)