Questions & Answers - Catalyst Letter of Intent (LOI)

Q1 - I am an academic researcher, what type of institution can I name as a Partner in the LOI?
A1 - At the LOI stage: companies (MNE, SME, startup) and eligible not-for-profit entities (NFP)[1] can be named as partners for the project. The Partner must be able to co-host the student and contribute in a significant way to the scientific project and training of the student. If you have not identified a partner yet, please submit your LOI and indicate TBD in the partners information section. All applications invited to stage 2 for a full Mitacs project review will need to have an industrial partner/company (or eligible NFP[1]) involved. DHDP will help match applicants with industrial partners. Note that any IP-related questions can be independently addressed in the next round of the process, during the Mitacs project review.

Q2 - Who is an eligible academic supervisor?
A2 - Academic supervisors must be affiliated to a Canadian university, or faculty at Canadian colleges and be eligible to hold Tri-Agency funds.

Q3 - I am a student/postdoctoral researcher. Can I apply directly?
A3 - If you are a graduate student or a postdoctoral researcher, who is supervised by an eligible Canadian academic supervisor and is looking to get funded via the DHDP Catalyst Program, please indicate the name of your academic supervisor in the applicant section. We also strongly encourage students/postdoctoral researchers to discuss with their supervisor prior to applying.
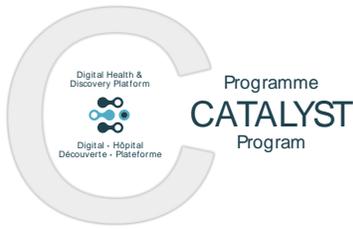
Q4 - I am an eligible academic researcher and I have identified a student but not a partner. Can I apply?
A4 - Yes, please submit your LOI with a project description. If you are selected for the next stage, DHDP will help match you with a suitable partner for your project from within the DHDP network.

Q5 - I am an eligible academic researcher in healthcare with an idea for an AI project, but don't have any contacts with the AI community. Can I apply?
A5 - Yes, please submit your LOI with a project description. If you are selected for the next stage, Mitacs and the DHDP will help match you with an AI partner for your project from within the DHDP network.

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[1] Not-for-profit Entities (NFP) will need to be vetted by Mitacs for eligibility, please contact
dhdpcatalyst@mitacs.ca to enquire about eligible NFP partners.

Q6 - I am an eligible academic researcher in AI with an idea for a project, but I don't have any contacts in the Cancer or neuroscience community. Can I apply?

A6 - Yes, please submit your LOI with a project description. If you are selected for the next stage, Mitacs and the DHDP will help match you with a partner for your project.

Q7 - Does the partner identified in the application need to provide matching funds?

A7 - We encourage applicants to submit LOIs even if they have not yet secured matching funds for the Catalyst program. If you are selected for the next stage, Mitacs and the DHDP will help you find matching funds for your project.

Q8 - Can the DHDP/Imagia/TFRI be partners of my project? What is the process for me to settle my partnership with them?

A8 - If you are selected for the next stage, the DHDP and Mitacs will help find appropriate partners for your project. Please submit your LOI and indicate TBD in the partners information section. If you want to partner specifically with either TFRI or Imagia, please inform us before submitting the LOI by sending an email to dhdp@dhdp.ca. Note that any IP-related questions will be addressed in the next round of full Mitacs project review.

Q9 - Can the DHDP/Imagia/TFRI co-fund my project? What is the process for me to ensure this is the case before I submit my LOI?

A9 - The DHDP has limited funding to support Catalyst projects, and preference will be given to those projects that support its mission. We encourage applicants to submit LOIs even if they have not yet secured matching funds for the Catalyst program. If you are selected for the next stage, Mitacs and the DHDP will help you find matching funds for your project.

Q10 - Who are the current members of the DHDP?

A10 - DHDP Members are a diverse group made up of 95 pan-canadian stakeholders across the academic, healthcare, AI and private sectors; including Hospitals and Healthcare Institutions, Universities and Research Centers, AI Institutes, SMEs, Large Corporations, Foundations and NGOs.

Q11 - I am an eligible academic supervisor with a project idea and an existing industry partner willing to co-fund my research project. What is the added value of applying through DHDP's Catalyst program?

A11 - The DHDP Catalyst program offers participants direct access to the large DHDP network of institutions and thought leaders. Selected applicants will take part in the early development of our state-of-the-art pan-Canadian technological infrastructure and deployment of the DHDP appliance across the country. The program is specifically designed to support the training of researchers across the healthcare

and AI sectors, to promote work-integrated learning and advancement of innovation, with a focus on oncology and neuroscience.

Q12 - I have a project idea that would help realize the vision of the DHDP, but I'm not sure it qualifies to be submitted to the Catalyst program. What should I do?
A12 - The DHDP supports an open and collaborative environment, and we encourage you to submit your idea using the Catalyst LOI form. We will review your project and reach out if we believe there would be a way to work together.

If you have any further questions, please contact dhdp@dhdp.ca