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Mitacs's purpose is to empower Canadian innovation through partnerships that drive economic growth, productivity, and meaningful change to the quality of life for all Canadians. Accordingly, Mitacs's stance towards intellectual property (IP) is based on the following goals:

- To avoid creating IP-related barriers to beneficial industry-postsecondary partnerships
- To ensure that benefits resulting from funded activities accrue to Canada and Canadians

With respect to the first goal: Mitacs and its funders make no claim to ownership of IP resulting from Mitacs-funded activities. Mitacs also does not participate in, or advise on, IP negotiations between postsecondary institutions and their partner organizations. Each postsecondary institution has its own IP policy and may have developed its own standard approach to IP for Mitacs funding proposals; applicants to Mitacs programs should familiarize themselves with the relevant institutional policies and approaches, including policies related to publication of research results, before applying to Mitacs for funding.

With respect to the second goal: Although Mitacs does not participate in, or advise on, IP negotiations, in some situations, including those involving IP development and assignments with foreign partners or collaborators, Mitacs must assess the IP benefits to Canada to inform the funding decision. For more details, see the [Mitacs Research Security Plan](#). Mitacs reserves the right to decline, at any point, funding towards a proposed or ongoing project on the grounds of research security concerns, or to award funding conditional on additional security requirements as appropriate.

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