

Alberta ALS Research Network Research Trainee Awards

About the Alberta ALS Research Network (AARN)

The Alberta ALS Research Network is a newly-launched initiative aimed at making Alberta a global leader in Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) research and care. AARN's mission is to accelerate research and find a cure for ALS by fostering collaboration between top ALS researchers at Alberta Universities.

Award Overview

The AARN Research Trainee Awards will support promising trainees to pursue innovative ALS research. Awards will be granted in partnership with Mitacs, a Canadian NFP organization that has been supporting research and innovation for more than 25 years, through Mitacs' [Accelerate](#) program. Accelerate is a fund-matching program aimed at cultivating and encouraging Canadian student and post-doctoral researchers.

This award is open to Alberta-based undergraduate and graduate students, and postdoctoral fellows working on ALS research under the supervision of an Alberta-based researcher.

Supervisors can apply for a specific trainee project with or without a named trainee and have up to one year from date of Mitacs acceptance to identify a suitable trainee. However, the project may not begin until a trainee has been identified.

Application Steps

1. Review Mitacs' Accelerate [application process and guidelines](#).
2. Download and complete the Accelerate [application](#) (found in the "How to Apply" section).
3. If no trainee is named at the time of application, attach a brief (1/2 page) trainee identification plan to your application email.
4. Send your completed application to kelsie@alsab.ca by June 15, 2026.

Value

- Selected undergraduate and graduate applicants will receive \$15,000 per 4-6-month internship (minimum \$10,000 stipend, up to \$5,000 for research).
- Selected postdoctoral applicants will receive \$20,000 per 4-6-month internship (minimum \$15,000 stipend, up to \$5,000 for research).

Term

Internship units (IUs) run 4-6 months. Please indicate your desired number of IUs on your application. Total IUs offered will be determined in AARN review.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Supervisor must be Alberta-based.
2. Trainee must be Alberta-based.
3. Research must be relevant to the field of ALS.

Review Process

Applications will be reviewed by AARN Steering Committee. Successful applicants will be invited to formally apply to Mitacs based on strength of application. Total number of awards will be determined based on AARN budget and quality of applications.

Please direct any questions to Kelsie Snow at kelsie@alsab.ca.