

CONNECT CANADA

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The AUTO21 Inc. Connect Canada internship program is a federal Industrial Research and Development Internship (IRDI) program administered by the Networks of Centres of Excellence (NCE) Secretariat.

Connect Canada matches graduate students and post-doctoral fellows with private sector host organizations for private sector research internships. The interns will work on research projects jointly developed by their academic supervisor and the private sector host.

PROGRAM GOAL

The goal of the program is to introduce **graduate students** and **post-doctoral fellows** to practical business problems and provide them with the opportunity to apply their scientific and technical expertise to address the needs of participating businesses, as well as to create a vehicle that will facilitate increased private investment in research and development. The program is open to all research areas.

Eligible Interns

Eligible interns are full-time graduate students enrolled in, or postdoctoral fellows working in, a Canadian participating institution (see definition below) in any area of research, including natural sciences, engineering, economics, **social sciences**, health, environment and **ethics**, provided that those skills are sought by the private sector host organization to support its innovation process. Interns are paid by stipends through the financial systems of their respective institutions.

A maximum of two (2) NCE IRDI internships are allowed for any individual over the course of their entire academic and post academic career.

Internships are four-to-six month placements, with at least 50 per cent of the intern's time spent at the industry partner's facilities. The value of the total internship stipend is **\$10,000**, funded equally between the industry partner and Connect Canada. Connect Canada funding is stackable, allowing industry partners and academic researchers to leverage other sources of funding.

For full details, please see the [Connect Canada program guide](#).

Or visit: <https://www.connectcanadainternships.ca/student/why-participate.htm>

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