

Mitacs and Halifax Partnership Join as Newest Signatories to the Atlantic Prosperity Charter

HALIFAX, NS — [September 23, 2026] — The Association of Atlantic Universities and the Atlantic Chamber of Commerce are proud to announce that Mitacs and the Halifax Partnership have officially joined as the newest signatories to the Atlantic Prosperity Charter, strengthening the collective commitment of Atlantic Canada's university and business communities to developing and retaining the region's future workforce.

The Prosperity Charter invites employers across Atlantic Canada to publicly commit to supporting students and young professionals through mentorship, networking, work-integrated learning, internships, and employment opportunities. Together, the initiative aims to strengthen the region's talent pipeline, improve graduate retention, and help employers access the skilled workforce needed to drive long-term economic growth.

Mitacs, a national not-for-profit organization, delivers a return on innovation to Canada by connecting businesses and researchers through co-funded partnerships. The organization helps businesses innovate, commercialize, and grow while creating jobs and equipping students and postdoctoral researchers with valuable skills, industry experience, and professional networks.

Halifax Partnership, Halifax's public-private economic development organization, joins the initiative as a key local champion and strategic partner, working with business, government, and post-secondary leaders to develop the highly skilled and deployable workforce needed to drive economic growth and competitiveness.

The addition of Mitacs and the Halifax Partnership marks a key milestone for the Atlantic Prosperity Charter, expanding its reach and deepening its strategic impact across Atlantic Canada.

Quotes:

"Mitacs is committed to supporting economic growth by connecting talent with opportunity and helping more people build rewarding careers in Atlantic Canada. Through the Atlantic Prosperity Charter, we are working alongside universities, employers, and community partners to strengthen pathways between education and industry, retain skilled talent, and help employers access the workforce they need to innovate, grow, and compete."

- *Derek Newton, Senior Vice-President, Business Development and Strategic Partnerships, Mitacs*

"Attracting and retaining skilled talent is critical to our region's long-term economic growth and prosperity. Halifax Partnership is proud to join the Atlantic Prosperity Charter and work with partners across Atlantic Canada to help employers access the talent they need to grow and succeed, while creating more opportunities for young professionals to build meaningful careers and strengthen our economy."

- *Wendy Luther, President and CEO, Halifax Partnership*

“We are proud to welcome Mitacs to our Prosperity Charter community. Their work has proven exceptionally effective in connecting students and researchers with local businesses, driving organizational innovation while equipping emerging talent with crucial industry exposure. AAU extends a warm welcome to the Halifax Partnership as well. The Partnership has a long history of bringing our universities together with the business community for the benefit of HRM and Nova Scotia.”

- Ava Czapalay, CEO, Association of Atlantic Universities

“Building a stronger workforce starts with employers creating opportunities for students and young professionals to gain experience and build careers in Atlantic Canada. The Atlantic Prosperity Charter helps employers take action to build the talent pipeline they need to grow. We are pleased to welcome Mitacs and the Halifax Partnership as signatories to this important initiative.”

- Rhonda Tulk-Lane, President & CEO, Atlantic Chamber of Commerce

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About Mitacs

[Mitacs](#) delivers the return on innovation Canada needs now by connecting big ideas, people, and ambition to turn potential into results. Mitacs co-funds innovation partnerships that get Canada’s businesses and researchers where they need to go.

Mitacs partners innovate faster. Commercialize sooner. Compete globally. Scale and grow stronger. We open the door to opportunity, creating jobs and equipping students and postdoctoral researchers with skills, industry experience, and professional networks.

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About Halifax Partnership

[Halifax Partnership](#) is Halifax’s public-private economic development organization. The Partnership drives and accelerates economic growth by selling and marketing Halifax to the world to attract business, talent, and investment, helping businesses reach their full potential, and tracking and reporting Halifax’s economic progress. The Partnership’s strong network of public, private and post-secondary Investors and partners is committed to building a thriving, inclusive, and prosperous Halifax for all.

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