Through Mitacs Elevate, new PhDs create and lead a major industrial research project while establishing vital connections with the local business community. In addition, Elevate Fellows spend 20% of their time developing the necessary professional skills for their career such as project management, scientific management, communications, networking, business etiquette, presentation skills, interview skills and industrial engagement. Currently, Mitacs Elevate is being piloted in Ontario and British Columbia.

Through Elevate, Mitacs will:

• Increase the retention of PhDs while encouraging the creation of R&D jobs
• Establish and support research projects in sectors of provincial importance
• Train new PhDs in research, business and entrepreneurship skills
• Support new PhDs in identifying and securing industrial partners for collaborative research
• Facilitate the development of innovative solutions to business challenges

Eva Szabo, was part of a team under the direction of Dr. Mick Bhatia of McMaster University’s Stem Cell and Cancer Research Institute which transformed skin cells into mature blood cells in less than thirty days. This was one of the most talked-about biomedical breakthroughs of 2010.

Dr. Szabo was awarded the Elevate fellowship in July 2010. “I am honoured and very excited to be part of this unique initiative; the funding provided by Mitacs Elevate provides a unique opportunity to develop my research with goals geared towards application and engagement of industrial partners,” she said.

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