

Seneca Polytechnic student awarded grant for AI-powered software development

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Sukhad Adhikari, a student in the Computer Programming & Analysis program, has been awarded a \$15,000 [Mitacs Business Strategy Internship](#) (BSI) grant to support his work-integrated learning placement with [Everyday Chemist](#), a Toronto-based research and development studio known for developing innovative, sustainable, and accessible personal care products.

The four-month project will enhance Everyday Chemist's digital platform. Mr. Adhikari will focus on back-end development, AI model integration and smart user interaction tools that enable secure, scalable, and accurate matchmaking between beauty brands and service providers.

The Mitacs-BSI program provides grants to support student internships that contribute to innovation in Canadian businesses. Interns collaborate with academic supervisors and employers while also gaining access to professional development.

"I'm thrilled to be working with Everyday Chemist through the Mitacs-Business Strategy Internship," said Mr. Adhikari. "This opportunity has allowed me to collaborate on building complex systems integrating various AI agents; an experience that's been both challenging and incredibly rewarding. I'm excited to keep pushing boundaries and contribute to real-world impact through innovation."

The successful grant application was co-led by Mr. Adhikari and Everyday Chemist, with support from Seneca Works, Seneca Applied Research and Krishna Kishore, Professor, School of Computer Programming & Analysis.

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