

## John Hepburn — Chief Executive Officer



Before becoming CEO of Mitacs in 2020, John Hepburn was the Vice-President of Research and Partnerships at CIFAR (the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research), a Canadian-based global research organization. For almost two decades, John advanced the capacity of UBC's research portfolio, creating new institutional partnerships in China, India, and around the world. His previous positions at UBC include Vice-President, Research and International, Dean of the Faculty of Science, and Head of the Department of Chemistry. Before moving to UBC, he was at the University of Waterloo, as a professor of Chemistry and Physics. Prior to that, he was a NATO postdoctoral fellow at the University of California, Berkeley.

With a PhD in Chemical Physics from the University of Toronto, John is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and of the American Physical Society, and a former Canada Council for the Arts Killam Research Fellow, and Sloan Foundation Fellow. He has served on numerous national and international advisory committees and boards, and is currently on the boards of the Clear Seas Centre for Responsible Marine Shipping and WestGrid (Board Chair), the executive committee for the France-Canada Research Fund, C.D. Howe Human Capital Policy Council, the expert panel on the Future of Work for the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence, the National Killam Program Advisory Board, and award selection panels for the National Research Council Canada (NRC), Falling Walls Foundation (Berlin), Gairdner Foundation, and the Canadian Science Policy Centre (CSPC). As CEO of Mitacs, John has expertly navigated the organization through a period of tremendous growth as well as helped it thrive despite the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.