

Call for Mentors

geekStarter is a project-based education program, which helps the young generation build skills for research and innovation in cutting-edge STEM fields such as synthetic biology, nanotechnology, and robotics. The program is open to teams of junior-high, high-school, and university students from Alberta, whose projects and initiatives align with the geekStarter mandate. Our current teams are from Calgary, Canmore, Edmonton, Fort McMurray, High-River, and Lethbridge.

geekStarter aims to assist teams in multiple ways, including workshops, access to experts, learning resources, funding and mentorship.

As we expect our team roster to expand, we are placing a call for enthusiastic and knowledgeable undergraduate/graduate/post-doctoral students and professionals who wish to provide ongoing mentorship to our junior-high and high-school teams.

If you are interested in...

- following a natural human desire to share knowledge and experience
- adding meaning to students' learning by helping them bring project ideas to life
- becoming part of a growing community of STEM researchers, innovators and entrepreneurs
- communicating regularly with a team and providing ongoing assistance for about 1 hr/week for the duration of the geekStarter season *
- helping with the planning and delivery of geekStarter workshops and events **
- receiving a recognition award, including a cheque of \$500.00, pending a positive evaluation from mentees
- learning more information about the geekStarter mentorship program

...please contact mpop@mindfuel.ca

Our webpage: <http://edacity.ca/geekstarter>

**Typically, the geekStarter season starts in Nov or Dec and runs for approximately one year.*

*** Depending on the nature of the STEM initiative, up to 4 workshops may take place throughout the season, mostly on weekends; mentor time commitment is, on average, 10 hrs/workshop. If workshops require out-of-town travelling, mentor travel expenses are covered by geekStarter as per the mentor agreement letter.*