

Notes for Reviewers

Thank you for agreeing to review applications for the geekStarter program. The goal is to evaluate the quality of the applications and help us decide how well they fit our program.

We request that you do your evaluations against the criteria on the rubric, and that you provide comments and feedback to clarify and elaborate on your scores.

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 initiatives and projects align with the geekStarter mandate, the key points of which are:

- To support student teams working on emerging STEM projects and challenges that have tangible outcomes.
- To promote experiential learning where students strive to create and build specific products (devices, solutions) relevant to themselves and their communities. The experience must emphasize and foster skill sets which are critical to students' future and the future of Alberta, Canada and the world:
 - independence and accountability
 - creativity and innovation
 - collaboration within an interdisciplinary team
 - awareness of the impact of modern technologies on society and environment
 - communication to both specialists and non-specialist audiences

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

For more information, see our program guidelines at <http://edacity.ca/geekstarter>