

## 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 determine how well they fit our program.

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

Please, note that the criteria refer to particular section(s) of the application as identified on the rubric, and scores must be added up on the rubric's bottom row (Overall Evaluation).

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### About the program

geekStarter is a project-based education program, which helps the young generation build skills for research and innovation in new STEM fields such as synthetic biology, nanotechnology, and new ICT 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, the key points of which are:

- To support student teams working on original projects and challenges which involve emerging STEM tools and have tangible outcomes.
- To promote experiential learning where students strive to create and build new products (devices, solutions) useful and relevant to their communities and the world. 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>