

## Call for Mentors

geekStarter is a hands-on 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, 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. Past and current teams are based in Calgary, Canmore, Cochrane, Consort, 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.

**We are placing a call for enthusiastic and knowledgeable undergraduate/graduate/post-doctoral students and professionals who wish to provide 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, upon successful completion of mentor responsibilities
- learning more information about the geekStarter mentorship program

...please contact [mpop@mindfuel.ca](mailto:mpop@mindfuel.ca)

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

*\*Typically, the geekStarter season starts in Nov or Dec and runs for 7 – 12 months.*

*\*\* Depending on the mentor's role and expertise, help may be needed with up to 4 workshops 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 mentor agreement letter.*