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Conservative Government invests in science summer camps, science outreach for young Canadians

*Goal is to encourage more Canadian youth to seek careers in science, technology,
engineering and math*

News Release

For Immediate Release

Oshawa, ON June 23, 2014 – Ed Holder, Minister of State (Science and Technology), announced an investment for organizations across the country to promote science, technology, engineering and math among young Canadians. This year’s recipients are developing programs in computer science, agriculture, marine studies, northern ecology, astronomy, mathematics, and science journalism.

Minister Holder made the announcement at the University of Ontario’s Institute for Technology (UOIT), where Dr. Qusay H. Mahmoud, is receiving funding through the Natural Science and Engineering Research Council’s (NSERC) PromoScience program. The funding will be used to organize hands-on workshops to show high school students and their teachers how to create applications (apps) for mobile devices — inspiring youth to pursue studies in related fields. The UOIT PromoScience initiative is in collaboration with the Centre for Mobile Education and Research (CMER).

PromoScience offers financial support to a wide variety of organizations to develop programs that motivate youth to take an interest in science and engineering. Through the work of organizations, budding scientists and engineers learn about scientific methods, meet role models and develop valuable critical thinking skills.

Quick Facts

- The 2013 PromoScience competition resulted in \$2.9 million in funding being awarded to 59 organizations across the country to support hands-on learning experiences in science, technology, engineering and math, for young Canadians and their science teachers.
- Nearly one million young people each year learn more about science, technology, engineering and math through the organizations supported by PromoScience.
- This year’s recipients include universities, interpretive science centres, urban farms, and wetland and conservation organizations.

Quotes

“Young Canadians are the next generation of talented researchers and innovators whose scientific discoveries we will rely on to improve our quality of life. Through our government’s investments in science outreach and science summer camps, we are instilling a passion and curiosity in science, technology, engineering and math that will inspire young Canadians to pursue careers in these disciplines later on in life.”

The Honourable Ed Holder, Minister of State (Science and Technology)

“Canadian post-secondary graduates in science, technology, engineering and math are fueling jobs and growth in our economy. Our government’s investment in UOIT’s mobile technology workshops will encourage Oshawa’s high school students to consider a promising future in these high demand fields.”

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