

GET INVOLVED BECOME A MENTOR



Do you want to help make a difference in a young person's life? Do you want to share your personal and professional experiences about how you chose your career path and made your decision to work in the oceans sector?



SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE

We are piloting a mentoring program this fall connecting ocean professionals from participating companies with a select number of high school classes across the province via interactive video sessions and our online mentoring platform. As a mentor, you will be connected for a 45-minute interactive session with a class interested in discovering more about your field. Teachers will provide you with questions from their class prior to the event. For a limited time, keen students will have the opportunity to follow-up with you via online chat for continued discussion.

Coastal Explorers Field School Mentor provides a secure online community where professionals like yourself can support young people in communities and schools across the province as they make positive decisions about their future.

REGISTERING AS A MENTOR

Interested in registering as a mentor? Simply contact us and we'll conduct a short interview to get to know you, your interests, and skills. We'll register you on our online mentoring platform, provide you with the tools you need for success, and match you with an appropriate class based on the profile you provide.

Your role as a mentor is to share your experience and passion for what you do with interested high school students. What excites you the most about walking into work? How did you get there? How does your work impact your organization, your community, or your province? This is an amazing opportunity to break down the wall between school and work, put a friendly face on your profession, and help provide students with an appreciation for your field.

FAQ

What is the program about? Who's involved?

Coastal Explorers Mentor Program brings the ocean into the classroom by connecting high school classes and students across the province with mentors from participating ocean science and technology companies. The program exposes youth from rural Newfoundland to inspiring ocean professionals and breaks down the professional/student barrier by linking real-world work with in-class curriculum. The program is being piloted this fall with mentors and companies that took part in our Ocean Science and Technology Summer Internship Pilot Program.

How does it work?

This fall we'll digitally bring ocean science and technology mentors into the classroom. Coastal Explorers Mentor Program will connect you with a class interested in your field in an interactive online session. Teachers will provide you with questions from their class prior to your session and you will have the opportunity to build your relationship with the class through a chat based online mentorship platform for 30 days after the session. Coastal Explorers Field School will assess school requests, match to mentor profiles, and provide you with the tools and resources to ensure success.

What do you expect of a mentor? What is my role as a mentor?

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What is the time commitment?

Participate in an interactive 45-minute video session and Q&A to a high school class with an interest in your field. Address questions pre-identified by the class during your presentation. Be available to respond to follow-up questions from the class on your own schedule for 30 days on our online mentoring platform. We anticipate 30 minutes or less a week for each mentor to respond to class questions via our interactive mentor platform.

FAQ

Why do I have to go through a background check?

NLESD policy requires all volunteers working with students in moderate to high-risk environments to acquire a Certificate of Conduct from RCMP or RNC. This includes a criminal record check and vulnerable sector check. The NLESD policy and details on how to obtain a Certificate of Conduct can be found here:

<https://www.nlesd.ca/includes/files/policies/doc/1456153361140.pdf>

https://www.rnc.gov.nl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/certificate_of_conduct.pdf

I don't have much experience talking to students but I'm interested. How do I prepare to interact with them? Are there any resources to help me get started?

We've been conducting experiential education programs in Newfoundland and Labrador since 2012, including interactive sessions connecting professionals and students, and are happy to share our expertise with you. Coastal Explorers Mentor Platform has resources to prepare you for your role as a Mentor. These include a guide to best practices for mentors and a live webinar to get you started on the right foot. We'll coordinate all the logistics with your schedule, the school schedule and any technical support.

Sounds good! I'm ready to become a mentor. What do I do now? How do I register?

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