



Science World Brings Future Science Leaders Program to Surrey's Health and Technology District

Now accepting applications for weekly after-school acceleration program for high school students focusing on STEM

Surrey, B.C. (May 24, 2018) – The **Health and Technology District** is pleased to announce its partnership with **Science World** to bring their **Future Science Leaders program to Surrey** for the 2018-2019 school year. The District's new anchor tenant **Safe Software** has also committed as a sponsor of this year's program.

The **Future Science Leaders** program is a weekly after-school acceleration program for high school students focusing on STEM topics. Students will meet weekly at Surrey's Health and Technology District to dive deep into a variety of STEM subjects including biology, chemistry, physics, math and technology, learn from passionate STEM professionals, and receive exceptional support to give them invaluable skills and experience as they head into post-secondary school.

"One of the unique advantages of the Health and Technology District is our connection with education institutions and our firm belief of supporting and enabling our future generations to advance in the area of STEM," says Rowena Rizzotti, Vice President of Healthcare and Innovations at the Health and Technology District. "We are so proud to partner with Science World to bring their world class Future Science Leaders Program to Surrey. The immersive, experiential learning program offers students the opportunity to learn along side research, entrepreneur and technology developers within the District, to inspire them to work in these exciting STEM fields."

The Future Science Leaders program was launched in 2011 as a "talent incubator" to provide gifted students an opportunity to engage with university-level topics and activities otherwise unavailable at home or school. This competitive nine-month program attracts exceptional grade 10 and 11 students who are insatiably curious, eager for a challenge, and willing to take risks while exploring new ideas and technologies.

"We're excited to share the journey with everyone at the Health and Technology District. Our Future Science Leaders will be brushing shoulders with researchers, entrepreneurs and learning from local mentors at the District – an experience that will impact their lives for years to come," says Kim Peterson, Grants Officer at Science World British Columbia. "We could not bring high quality STEM programming like Future Science Leaders to communities across BC without the generosity of donors like the Health & Technology District and Safe Software."

Science World is accepting applications for the 2018-19 school year till May 31, 2018 at www.scienceworld.ca/fsl.

About Science World

Science World is a BC-based charitable organization that engages the people of British Columbia in STEM literacy. Their mission is to ignite wonder and empower dreams through science and nature. Their vision is that within a generation, Canada will be a country of thriving, sustainable communities rooted in scientific literacy, technological innovation and a deep connection to nature. www.scienceworld.ca

About the Health and Technology District:

The Health and Technology District is one of B.C.'s most rapidly growing and dynamic new health-tech sectors located in Surrey's emerging innovation ecosystem. It has a unique advantage being ideally located directly across from Surrey Memorial Hospital, one of Canada's busiest hospitals. The District is where a collaborative cluster of multinational and start-up companies, international partners, clinical and research facilities, scientists, innovators and entrepreneurs, work together in partnership to accelerate the implementation of technologies and solutions towards health care impacts and improvements.

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