



HIGH SCHOOL WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM, presented by Discovery Foundation

2026-2027 REGISTRATION

Science World offers all British Columbia secondary students, in grades 11 and 12, the opportunity to gain valuable work experience.

PLACEMENT DETAILS

- Students must be at least 16 years old at the time of the placement.
- Students must not have participated in this program previously.
- Students must take part in an interview before the placement.
- Placements will be 3 weeks long. Students will be required to complete a minimum of 60 volunteer hours and a minimum of 80 hours during placements marked with an asterisk (*).
 - All students **MUST** attend training on the first day of the placement, from 8:45 am–5:15 pm. This day will count towards their work experience hours.
 - Volunteer shifts are 9:15 am – 5:15 pm every day, shorter shift times also available. Students will have a 30-minute lunch break, which will not count towards their work experience hours.
 - Students cannot work for more than 5 consecutive days.
- A maximum of two students from each school during each placement period are permitted, and up to 10 placement requests per school per year.
- Students enrolled in Work Placement programs with allocated time for placements will be given priority during registration.

AVAILABLE PLACEMENT PERIODS

SCHOOL YEAR
September 12 – October 4
October 3 – October 25 - <i>full</i>
October 24 – November 15 - <i>full</i>
November 14 – December 6 - <i>full</i>
January 16 – February 7 - <i>full</i>
February 6 – February 28
April 10 – May 2
May 1 – May 23 - <i>full</i>
May 22 – June 13 - <i>full</i>
June 12 – July 4

WINTER BREAK	
December 5 – December 27 * - <i>full</i>	
December 28 – January 17 * - <i>full</i>	Training day on December 19
SPRING BREAK	
February 27 – March 21 * - <i>full</i>	
March 20 – April 11 * - <i>full</i>	
SUMMER BREAK	
July 3 – July 25 * - <i>full</i>	
July 24 – August 15 * - <i>full</i>	
August 14 – September 5 * - <i>full</i>	



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REGISTRATION

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Upon registration opening, please register your students as soon as possible, as placements fill up very quickly.

1. Email hswe@scienceworld.ca, no earlier than May 29th at 3:00pm, and let us know how many places you would like to reserve and which placement period you would like to reserve for. Each student requires one spot (names of students are not needed at this point). A maximum of two students from each school during each placement period are permitted, and up to 10 placement requests per school per year.
2. You will be contacted within 3-5 days to confirm your reservation placement periods and/or advise you of your waitlist spots.
3. For confirmed placement periods, be sure to contact us no later than 3 weeks prior to the start of the work term to confirm your placement, by submitting the students' names, emails and phone numbers. **Due to high interest in the program, failure to provide student details 3 weeks in advance may result in the loss of placement spots to the next school on the waitlist.**
4. We will contact your students to arrange for an online interview, two weeks before the placement start day. If any students are found to be unsuitable for the position, we will contact you directly for a replacement.

REGISTRATION NOTES

- We will always reply to your reservation request and let you know your status via email.
- If your desired term is full, we will add you on a waiting list for that placement period. If your students are on a waiting list for a particular placement period, we will inform you of any possible openings prior to the placement term. We can accommodate a maximum of 15 students during each placement period, and up to 18 students on placements marked with an asterisk (*).
- Telephone reservations are not accepted. Please email hswe@scienceworld.ca for placement reservations.
- No more than **two students** from the same school are allowed in each placement period.
- Schools are only allowed to request up to 10 placements during the year. Please email your preferred 10 placements and a list of 5 alternative placements.
- Science World does not accept students who have already participated in our Work Experience Program, in order to give as many students as possible the opportunity to gain this valuable experience.

We look forward to working with you and your students this coming school year!

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