

Science Rendezvous

Volunteer Positions – Executive Committee positions for Science Rendezvous

We are looking for motivated students who love science and technology, and would like the public to also understand science and people who do it. This will be an opportunity to be part of the executive committee to help organize the May 2012 Science Rendezvous at U of T St. George, which in years past has been attended by over 10,000 Torontonians.

Science Rendezvous (SR) is an all-day science festival where researchers, professors, and their students interact with the public. The entire campus comes alive to showcase our innovative research as well as entertain and educate attendees of all ages on a variety of aspects of science.

SR consists of three components. The Science Carnival will be held along St. George St., and will provide demonstrations from various science departments to educate attendees about the amazing aspects from each field. INVENTours is the guided tour component where UofT research laboratory facilities are open to the public, and attendees will get a glimpse of how and where research is conducted at the University. The third component is the Science Chase, which will be an adventure type exhibit where participants will perform and solve scientific based questions to reach the end of the journey.

Positions and responsibilities

- Science Chase Coordinator
 - We need a self-motivated, resourceful, and well organized individual to create and plan the puzzles and adventures for all Science Chase participants.
- Logistics Coordinators
 - These individuals will be involved in planning space and allocating materials for the outdoor event while also making contingencies for poor weather.
 - IE: ensuring tables, chairs, site licenses are made for all event demonstrations, as well as organizing food vendors for the event day.
- Program Liasons
 - These individuals will be responsible for contacting and enlisting the participation of laboratories from different departments. They will be required to work closely with the departments to ensure their commitment with the event deadlines, and providing any assistance that they may require.
- Promotion and Advertising
 - These individuals will produce materials, and create awareness of the event to attract attendees.
 - business
 - IE: posters, banners, advertising to nearby schools, magazines, TO blog, website maintenance, T-shirts for volunteers, maps & pamphlets for day of event
- Volunteer coordinator
 - Science Rendezvous typically requires the help of many volunteers to help with setup and take-down of the event, as well as helping out with the first aid station, and the INVENTours coordination. The volunteer coordinator will need to manage these individuals and direct them in an efficient and appropriate manner to help make the event a success.

Please see www.sciencerendezvous.ca for details on the previous years' events.

The next Science Rendezvous is on Saturday, May 12, 2012.

Candidates interested in the above positions should send their cover letter and resume to Nathan.ho@utoronto.ca by Sunday December 4th, 2011.