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Aurora Research Institute STEM Outreach Program at Aurora College joins Actua as its 38th Network Member

Ottawa, August 8, 2019/ Today, Actua announced Aurora Research Institute STEM Outreach Program at Aurora College as its newest network member. Based in Inuvik, Northwest Territories, Aurora Research Institute STEM Outreach program is Actua's 38th national network member, and first in the Northwest Territories.

"I am honoured to officially welcome Aurora Research Institute to Actua's network," said Jennifer Flanagan, CEO of Actua. "Expanding our network membership into NWT is incredibly important to us in order to engage youth in NWT in more frequent, deeper impact programming that will build their skills and confidence in STEM."

Aurora Research Institute's STEM Outreach Program annually engages youth through school workshops, clubs and family events in Inuvik and Fort Smith, Northwest as well as the surrounding communities. They offer pre-school through college level programming for northern youth. Aurora Research Institute is committed to reaching all youth, and offers customized programs for Indigenous youth, girls and youth facing socio-economic challenges.

"Aurora College is proud to be a member of Actua's expanding network of STEM outreach organizations. Being part of a national strategy will allow us to better serve youth in remote Northern communities. We look forward to working with Actua," said Pippa Seccombe-Hett, VP, Research at Aurora College.

As part of Actua's growing network, Aurora Research Institute at Aurora College contributes to a national strategy for equipping Canadian youth with skills and experience in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Directors and instructors receive access to outstanding training, resources, and day-to-day support as they grow their programs. They also participate in and receive financial support for their involvement in Actua's national programs designed specifically to engage underserved youth.

About Aurora Research Institute STEM Outreach Program at Aurora College: Aurora College is focused on student success and is committed to supporting the development of our Northern society through excellence in education, training, and research that is culturally sensitive and responsive to the people we serve. This mission is realized in part through STEM outreach programming designed to encourage youth throughout the Northwest Territories to explore STEM topics and pursue post-secondary STEM education.



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About Actua: Actua is Canada's largest science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) youth outreach network representing 38 university and college based members. Each year, Actua's growing network of member organizations reach over 250,000 young Canadians in 500 communities nationwide. Actua focuses on the engagement of underrepresented youth through specialized programs for Indigenous youth, girls and young women, at-risk youth and youth living in Northern and remote communities. Its national InSTEM program reaches over 35,000 Indigenous youth per year in over 200 Indigenous communities. Actua's major Northern funders include: Government of Canada, Google Canada, Suncor Energy Foundation, the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, Finning Canada, Polar Knowledge Canada, Imperial, Microsoft Canada, GE Canada, Lockheed Martin Canada and Aurora College. For more information about Actua, visit actua.ca. First Air is Actua's partner airline for Northern outreach programming.

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