

Press Release

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**University of Guelph-Humber
invites families to
“Discover Science” through Student Volunteerism
Saturday, May 7th, 10 - 3pm**

**"As the 2022 UofGH Science Rendezvous Student Volunteer Coordinator, I enjoy connecting and collaborating with other volunteers and organizers towards creating an educational and meaningful experience for the children, youth, families and everyone involved in this amazing event!
We hope lots of people will join us virtually on May 7th to Discover Science!"**

Etobicoke, ON, Tuesday, Apr 26th - The [University of Guelph-Humber](https://www.guelphhumber.ca) (UofGH) is excited to host their 5th annual [Science Rendezvous](#) (SR) event in collaboration with [Astronomy in Action](#) and [Let's Get Together](#). This free, interactive, all-age, science event is part of a larger national event taking place virtually across Canada on Saturday, May 7th, where attendees can enjoy discovering science through various post-secondary institutions across Canada, both virtually and in person. The focus of the SR event is to bring Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) to the broader community through the lens and innovative minds of post-secondary students while igniting the spark of curious minds. This event is for all ages and is created and led by post secondary students.

The UofGH students, faculty and community partners have prepared 6 LIVE PRESENTATIONS. Topics include exploring “Explore Your Memory”, “How the Heart Works & the Cyborg Heart”, “What is a PCR test” and others! Everyone can discover their S.T.E.A.M interests and experience some hands-on learning safely from home while interacting with our student volunteers. Please see the flyer attached and visit our website for more info <https://www.guelphhumber.ca/science-rendezvous>

Professor Dr. Agnes Coutinho, PhD, Chair of UofGH Science Rendezvous Committee and Assistant Program Head of Kinesiology at University of Guelph-Humber shares,

"The Science Rendezvous event provides UofGH student volunteers with an opportunity to draw on the skills and experiences that they have achieved through their studies to create and execute a collaborative project that will hopefully spark interest and encourage the love of learning in children, youth and their families attending our event. Whether virtual or in-person, this annual event allows volunteers to extend their passion for learning and in-turn provides them with an extraordinary real-life platform to showcase their creativity, resourcefulness and key skills in communication, leadership, and teamwork."

Participants can expect to engage in a mix of pre-recorded activities as well as live, synchronous events where they can interact in real time with our students and partners, including [Let's Get Together](#), who will be recruiting youth for STEAM-related and other volunteer opportunities and also help answer questions related to post-secondary education.

We invite students from across the world to join the University of Guelph-Humber and its students, faculty members and community partners to “discover science”. Registrants can win prizes and everyone can enter a drawing contest “Swoop Discover Science.”

Register today for the University of Guelph-Humber’s Event at
<https://www.guelphhumber.ca/science-rendezvous>

For more information on Science Rendezvous visit: www.sciencerendezvous.ca

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[University of Guelph-Humber](#) was the first in Ontario to offer an opportunity to earn both a university honours degree and diploma in four years of full-time study in one location when UofGH opened its doors in 2002. Years later, what continues to make UofGH unique is the integration of theory and workplace experience in all of our programs. A collaboration between the University of Guelph and Humber College Institute of Technology & Advanced Learning, UofGH was founded on the principle of integrating experiential learning opportunities into the traditional academic curriculum. Drawing from the expertise and knowledge of those renowned founding institutions, UofGH offers students focused programs, a close-knit community with small class sizes, the chance to conduct undergraduate research, and opportunities to gain significant workplace experience.

[Let’s Get Together](#) is non profit organization that visions a world where every youth has equal opportunity to pursue higher education with no barriers and purposeful support. They strive to make learning equitable and education accessible by creating student-led initiatives that inspire youth connections and mentorship opportunities while helping parents understand the challenges youth face today so they can learn how best to support their child in building their own bright future.

[Astronomy in Action](#) brings the wonders of the Universe down to Earth. We believe that every person has an inherent connection to the cosmos that must be explored. Bringing together amazing visuals, passionate presenters, and the modern scientific understanding of the universe, Astronomy in Action creates unforgettable experiences for every person we interact with. We really do have space for everyone!

[Science Rendezvous](#) began as a joint program between the University of Toronto, Ryerson University, York University and Ontario Tech University in 2008. These founding partners saw the need to work together in order to launch an event of great enough scale and exciting content to engage the public in the vast wonders of science and engineering. Since that time, Science Rendezvous has grown to include 40 of Canada’s top research institutions and over 85 community partnerships across 30 cities in 10 provinces and 2 territories. Today, it is a marquee event and signature partner of [Science Odyssey](#), and is the single largest science festival in Canada.

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