

News Release

TELUS World of Science – Edmonton proud to announce 2019-2020 Science Fellow: Dr. Vincent Bouchard

Edmonton, AB – May 13, 2019 – TELUS World of Science – Edmonton's Science Fellowship program was launched in August 2017 to recognize one outstanding young researcher or innovator in Northern Alberta per year. This year, TELUS World of Science awarded the Science Fellowship to Professor Vincent Bouchard.

Bouchard is an associate professor in the Department of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences in the University of Alberta's Faculty of Science, whose research focuses on the intersections between mathematics and physics.

"TELUS World of Science – Edmonton is an organization dedicated to motivating our community to participate and be invested in science and technology," said Alan Nursall, President and CEO of TELUS World of Science – Edmonton. "The Science Fellowship program is just one of the ways we celebrate individuals who share that commitment. We are proud to help promote their work to the public and the community."

As a recipient of the science centre's Science Fellowship, Bouchard will receive a monetary award and be provided a professional development scholarship. Throughout the year, Bouchard will participate in several outreach activities hosted at the science centre, where students and the public will have the opportunity to learn more about his research and interact with him.

"Mathematics is often misunderstood as a discipline," said Bouchard. "Mathematics is truly fun and playful, but it is often seen as a difficult, boring and obscure field of study. One of my long-term goals as a scientist is to share my enthusiasm and passion for mathematics and physics, not only within the scientific community, but with the general public as well. TELUS World of Science builds a fantastic bridge between the research community and the general public. I am really excited and honoured to be a scientific ambassador, and I hope that I can bring a novel and exciting angle to the scientific content of TELUS World of Science by introducing the general public to the beautiful world of string theory and physical mathematics.

"In fact, communicating difficult, cutting-edge research to the general public is an under-appreciated aspect of our role as scientists. But it could be argued that it is perhaps the most important one, since research in science and mathematics truly bears fruit only when integrated into society as a whole," said Bouchard.

"We're very much looking forward to having Bouchard on board as a member of the TELUS World of Science team," said Alan Nursall. "Connecting and collaborating with other science communicators is an exciting endeavor and our team is eager to see what this year's Science Fellow will bring to the community."

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