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Announcing the 2024 Science Fellow at the TELUS World of Science – Edmonton

EDMONTON, AB – February 7, 2024 – Each year, the TELUS World of Science – Edmonton's Science Fellowship recognizes one outstanding young researcher or innovator in Northern Alberta. This year, the Science Centre is proud to announce Valerie Miller as the 2024 award recipient.

Miller holds her PhD in land reclamation from the University of Alberta. During her PhD program she was a teaching assistant, primary instructor, community volunteer coordinator, and a volunteer with various science outreach organizations including TELUS World of Science - Edmonton, Nature Kids, Let's Talk Science, and Alberta Envirothon. And now, as Outreach and Engagement Lead for Future Energy Systems at the U of A, Miller connects researchers and students to the community through a breadth of programs.

"The Science Fellowship program is an opportunity to connect and collaborate with local members of the scientific community and I would say Valerie Miller has a bit of a head start," said Constance Scarlett, President & CEO, TELUS World of Science – Edmonton. "Among her many accomplishments, over the last three years, Valerie has brought hundreds of U of A researchers for an annual Science Rendezvous event to TELUS World of Science - Edmonton to share scientific research and knowledge with guests. I can't wait to see what she will do this year."

As the Science Centre's 2024 Science Fellow, Miller will receive a monetary award and professional development scholarship opportunities through the program. Throughout the year, she will participate in several community outreach programs hosted at TELUS World of Science – Edmonton, allowing guests to learn more about her research and work with Future Energy Systems.

"As someone who has been enjoying the TELUS World of Science - Edmonton for almost a decade, I am very honoured to receive this year's Science Fellow position," said Miller. "Bridging gaps between science and the community is what I love about my job, and I hope to make a difference in this position, connecting with new people and those who love science communication as much as I do."

"Valerie has been a valuable leader in developing programs to educate students and the public about the complexity of energy systems," says Kenneth Tam, Assistant Director of the Future Energy Systems research program at the University of Alberta. "Her passion for science communication has enabled us to share groundbreaking technical, societal, and environmental energy research in classrooms, libraries, and science centres across Canada and beyond."

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Links:

Science Fellowship: <https://telusworldofscienceedmonton.ca/get-involved/science-fellowship/>

Science Rendezvous Event: <https://www.futureenergysystems.ca/news/post/the-energy-adventure-continues>

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About TELUS World of Science – Edmonton

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