

Announcing the 2025 Science Fellow at TELUS World of Science – Edmonton

EDMONTON, AB – February 20, 2025 – Each year, the TELUS World of Science – Edmonton’s Science Fellowship program recognizes an outstanding young researcher or innovator in Northern Alberta. This year, the Science Centre is proud to announce Mathew Guzdial as the 2025 award recipient.

Matthew Guzdial was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan and received his PhD from Georgia Institute of Technology. He is an Assistant Professor in the Computing Science department of the University of Alberta and a Canada CIFAR (Canadian Institute for Advance Research) AI Chair at the Alberta Machine Intelligence Institute (Amii). Fascinated by the creative process, Guzdial’s research focuses on the intersection of artificial intelligence, creativity, and human-centred computing.

Guzdial has received numerous accolades, including being a recipient of an Early Career Researcher Award from NSERC (Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada), an Early Career invited talk from International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI), a Unity Graduate Fellowship, and two Best Paper Awards from the International Conference on Computational Creativity. His work has been featured across many major media outlets, including the BBC, WIRED, Popular Science, and Time, reflecting his contributions to the evolving fields of AI and creativity.

“We are thrilled to recognize Mathew Guzdial as the Edmonton Space and Science Foundation’s 2025 Science Fellow,” said Constance Scarlett, President and CEO of TELUS World of Science – Edmonton. “His creativity and contributions to artificial intelligence not only align with our mission to be a catalyst for lifelong learning but also highlights Alberta’s leadership in AI. Through this recognition, we hope to inspire Albertans to explore new frontiers in science and innovations.”

As the Science Centre’s 2025 Science Fellow Guzdial will receive a monetary award and as part of the fellowship, Guzdial will engage with the community through public presentations and interactive discussions at TELUS World of Science – Edmonton, bringing his expertise in AI and human-computer interaction to inspire future generations of scientists and innovators.

For more information about the Science Fellowship visit <https://telusworldofscienceedmonton.ca/get-involved/science-fellowship/>.

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About TELUS World of Science – Edmonton

TELUS World of Science – Edmonton’s mission is to be a catalyst for lifelong learning, creating a community of curious minds through immersive experiences and connections with the wonders of science. We are the trusted hub of science engagement for all, pushing boundaries and igniting curiosity. The Edmonton Space & Science Foundation is a registered charitable organization that operates TELUS World of Science - Edmonton.