

Youth DiverSTEAM Symposium

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2022

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM



The Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) together with Let's Talk Science is hosting the Youth DiverSTEAM Symposium. The symposium aims to promote interest and careers in science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM) in hospital-based research institutes to high school students from under-represented or racialized communities across the province.

Held in Gather, an interactive virtual environment, the event features short interactive talks, videos and virtual tours. By visiting different booths, students will have the opportunity to meet and speak with hospital researchers and trainees of diverse backgrounds and learn about their passion for research and their academic career journeys. Students will also learn about different opportunities to get involved in STEAM at hospital research institutes, including paid internships, co-ops and more.

How the event works

Hospitals can book a virtual exhibit space where students can visit and engage with the scientists and their labs. Hospitals will identify a research theme for their booth so researchers can share insight on that specific area.

Get started

If your hospital would like to participate in this year's event, please complete [this expression of interest form](#) and a team member will connect with you to initiate next steps. For more information about this year's event, email Jamie Davis at jdavis@oha.com

The six themes for this year's event are:



- ➔ All About Brains
- ➔ Chronic Conditions
- ➔ Kids and Teen Health
- ➔ Infectious Conditions
- ➔ Mental Health
- ➔ AI in Healthcare

The cost of the booth is \$1200 and includes:

- Opportunity to showcase items of interest including presentations, reports, videos etc.
- Access for two researchers from diverse backgrounds to participate in the event
- Ability to share hospital research and information on internship opportunities
- Booth traffic facilitated by guided tours for students

To allow students from under-represented and racialized communities to see the potential of a career in science and research, we encourage participating hospitals to recruit trainees (graduate students, postdoctoral fellows) and early career researchers from diverse backgrounds to participate and share their personal experiences with participating students.