Virtual Researcher On Call

2010/11 Program Guide



For: School Boards & Districts in Canada
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VROC: Academic Year 2010/11



Virtual Researcher On Call is expanding in 2010/11 in a huge way!

- Free videoconferences at the web registrant level for every school board/district in Canada
- Our new podcast, "This Week in Science & Education (T-WiSE)" is geared specifically for students and teachers
- The new virtual mentorship program, "Mentor Me" providing researcher and expert mentorship to students in the classroom
- "Ask the Expert" - online forum to communicate with researchers

Reaching Every Student

Videoconferencing



Bring an expert into your classroom! Like to talk to an astronaut? How about a cancer researcher or a mathematician to help kids understand why they have to take math! VROC will connect you and help you bring them to your class over the internet for a two-way virtual and live experience!



Equipment needed

Good news! VROC endorses the use of almost any videoconferencing equipment you have such as H.323 compliant devices or simple webcams with a good audio solution and supported by appropriate bandwidth. Call for more details (519-433-6668).

Sessions



Sessions are available for almost any topic you can imagine. VROC has already held sessions on hundreds of different topics in the areas of health and natural science, technology, engineering & mathematics and have access to potentially thousands more topics! Not sure about a topic? No problem. Just call our office or e-mail us (info@vroc.ca) and we will do our best to find a researcher that can speak to your specific topic. More details at www.vroc.ca.

Mentor Me

What is it?



Imagine! Access to a live researcher as your mentor for an entire semester or longer. Learn real-time information; get help for your science projects and help your students achieve what they never thought possible. This is what the Mentor Me program strives to achieve. Don't let your students get left behind - get them connected to a mentor.



What Topics?

The mentoring program is not really about the topics. Its about the direct connection between students and researchers to help students fare better in school and future careers. VROC matches your students with a researcher for an entire semester or longer. Visit www.vroc.ca for details.

Who Qualifies?



As you can imagine the mentoring program is extremely popular and while the mentors are generous with their time the program itself takes many hours for VROC staff to manage. Therefore there are two main criteria: must be a Canadian public, private or catholic school and the school board/district must be a member of VROC. Call for details on this great program!

This Week in Science & Education



JOIN US! ...each week (check website for show times) for this week's exciting show about research and education. This Week in Science & Education (T-WiSE) reveals exciting health research discoveries, educational tips for science teachers, interviews with teachers, experts, students, researchers and a whole lot more! If you can't join us live look for our podcast on our website at www.vroc.ca or subscribe to us on iTunes.

Ask the Expert



Have a question? Does your class need an answer to a science question? Would you like to check to see what the most recent information is on a disease, treatment or research technique? The Ask the Expert online forum is the perfect place to check. Monitored by expert researchers in various fields of study the Ask the Expert forum provides real-time accurate answers to questions for which you need answers. Log on to www.vroc.ca for more details.

Choose a Package

Website Registrant includes:

- Two videoconferencing sessions for every school board/district each year in Canada
- Access to T-WiSE podcast & chat room (pose live questions to the panel)
- Guest spots for students and teachers on the podcast
- Ask the Expert access





Member of VROC includes:

- Website registrant benefits and...
- Unlimited virtual sessions for the school board/district each year
- Mentoring relationships through the virtual Mentor Me program



VROC's virtual programs are a voluntary educational interaction. VROC is proud to be associated with the many researchers and experts who generously donate their time and expertise to enhance the learning experience of our youth. VROC will make every effort to fulfill requests that fall within our mandate for researcher/expert participation in our charitable educational programs.

For more information and specific details call the VROC office at 519-433-6668 or visit our website at www.vroc.ca

How to Sign Up

Access to VROC is easy to attain. Any school board or district in Canada is encouraged to apply at either level below. Simply fill out the form below and fax it to the VROC office at 519-645-8899 or e-mail it to info@vroc.ca.

School Board/District Information

Board/District:	
Name:	
Department:	
Address:	
Telephone:	
Fax:	
E-Mail:	

Program Choice

Select which program you would like:

Select using an X	Package level	Cost/yr. *
	Web Registrant	Free
	Member of VROC	$7,500

* VROC is a program of a registered Canadian charity (Partners In Research) and, as such, all charges are based on a cost-recovery model.

Method of Payment (circle): Invoice Us Cheque P.O.#

Card Number:	
Expiry Date:	
Name on Card:	
P.O. Number	