



# Our Ocean Our Youth Our Future

YOU LOVE YOUR JOB, THE OCEAN, AND OUR PROVINCE. SO WHY NOT SHARE ALL THAT LOVE WITH THE NEXT GENERATION OF TALENT IN OCEAN INDUSTRIES?

## FAQ

What is the Ocean Careers Immersion Program about?



OCIP is a cross-sectoral youth outreach initiative by OceansAdvance, econext, NAIA, and COMPASS. The program exposes youth from Newfoundland and Labrador to inspiring ocean professionals and breaks down the professional/student barrier by linking real-world work with in-class curriculum. The program is being delivered this fall with virtual classroom connection events and 4-week Team Mentorships.

How does it work?

We're digitally bringing ocean professionals into the classroom with our "Classroom Connections" programming. OCIP will connect you with a high school career education class interested in your field for a fully facilitated 45min interactive online session. You will be provided with questions from the class prior to your session.

Mentors also have the opportunity to participate in our 'Team Mentorships' programming where they work with a small team of students on our online mentoring platform during four 30min lunchtime sessions.

OCIP staff assess school requests, facilitate each meeting, and provide you with the tools to ensure success.

## What is my role as a mentor?

Your role as a mentor is to share your experience and passion for what you do with interested high school students. What excites you the most about walking into work? How did you get there? How does what you do impact your organization, your community, your province? Conversation will be structured and focused around a project of your choosing. This is an amazing opportunity to break down the wall between school and work, put a friendly face on your profession, and help interest students in your field.

## What is the time commitment?

Participate in an interactive 45-minute video session and Q&A with a high school class. Address questions pre-identified by the class during your presentation. Optionally, be available for four 30-minute online meetings via the OCIP mentoring platform with a small team of interested students. A small amount of additional time may be required for preparation (filling out your mentoring profile, technical check before the classroom session) and evaluation (completion of a short online survey).

## I don't have much experience talking to students but I'm interested. Are there any resources to help me get started?



With our education partners, we've been facilitating online and in-person career and mentoring programs in Newfoundland and Labrador since 2018 and are happy to share our expertise with you. Ocean Careers Immersion Program online mentoring platform has resources to prepare you for your role as a Mentor. These include a guide to best practices for mentors to get you started on the right foot. We'll coordinate all the logistics with your schedule, the school schedule, provide technical support, and facilitate each and every step of the process.

Sounds good! What do I do now?

If you are a new mentor who has just joined the OCIP online mentoring platform please take some time to ensure your mentoring profile is complete, read the quick start guide and/or watch the short orientation video, and explore the resource section.



If you are not yet aboard the OCIP online mentoring platform but are employed by a participating company or would simply like to find out more about the program contact us and we'll send you a login invitation.



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