

**Message from Honourable Tanya Fir
Minister of Arts, Culture and Status of Women**

I am thrilled to extend warm greetings to everyone taking part in WinSTEM Week 2026.

This week is an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of women and girls in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and to encourage the next generation to explore the endless possibilities these fields offer. Across Alberta, women are making valuable contributions in STEM. They are advancing research, developing latest technologies and addressing challenges in their communities and workplaces. Their ideas, skills and leadership are helping to build a stronger Alberta.

While we celebrate these achievements, our government also recognizes the importance of continuing to support women and girls pursuing education and careers in STEM. Alberta's government is proud to invest in programs and scholarships that support and create opportunities in fields where women have historically been under-represented. In 2025, Alberta awarded \$275,000 through the Women in STEM, Persons Case and Women in Technical and Applied Arts scholarships to support students pursuing these pathways.

Thank you to the Alberta Women's Science Network (AWSN) for its leadership in creating opportunities for women and girls across Alberta. Through mentorship, advocacy and community engagement, AWSN helps inspire future innovators, problem-solvers and leaders.

To the students and young people taking part in WinSTEM Week, I encourage you to remain curious, embrace new opportunities and pursue your goals with confidence. Your talents and perspectives will help shape Alberta's future.

I wish everyone a successful and inspiring WinSTEM Week 2026.



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