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U of S SCI-FI Science Camps Receive \$51K PromoScience Grant

The SCI-FI Science Camps at the College of Engineering are expanding thanks to a \$51,000 Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) grant to be awarded over the next two years.

“It’s our 20th year running and it seems like we’re growing more than ever,” said Kurt Touet, Director of Outreach and Transition Programs with the College of Engineering. “We’ve been growing at about 20 per cent a year for the last five years and it’s great to get that support in our banner year. Their support enables us to grow with confidence, providing funds to maintain quality programming.”

The grant was awarded as part of NSERC’s PromoScience program, providing \$1.9 million in new funding for 52 organizations across Canada working to engage young Canadians in science and engineering. The program offers up to three years of funding to organizations promoting science and engineering to young Canadians. The awards were announced at the 2009 Canada Wide Science Fair in Winnipeg.

New this year at SCI-FI is a CompSci Camp program. Working in partnership with the Department of Computer Science at the University of Saskatchewan, SCI-FI staff will deliver week long camps with projects and activities related to computers, programming, and logic.

SCI-FI Science Camps started in 1989 by undergraduate students in the College of Engineering at the U of S. The program delivers hands-on science and technology programs to youth in a fun and interactive environment. Camps operate year round, reaching more than 15,000 students a year through classroom workshops, community programs, science clubs and eight weeks of camps held on the U of S campus. SCI-FI offers camps in more than 20 locations across the province.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of SCI-FI Science Camps at the College of Engineering. Plans for a reunion and birthday celebration are currently underway.

For more information visit <http://www.scifi.usask.ca>



The 2009 SCI-FI Science Camps team.

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