

Staff Vacancy: YSpacE Project Manager

The SEDS-Canada's <u>Young Space Entrepreneurs</u> (YSpacE) competition is Canada's only student entrepreneurship competition focused on the growing space industry. YSpacE allows students to develop plans to start a company in the space sector, empowers students with real-world skills, and allows them to connect with other students from STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) fields, business, economics and law. At the same time, we hope to cultivate a spirit of entrepreneurship among students that will drive innovation and generate new businesses in the Canadian space sector.

We seek a passionate and independent individual to manage our 2025-2026 YSpacE competition. As the Project Manager, your job will be to market this competition as widely as possible, help create materials for teams to utilize when creating a business plan, arrange for experts to offer informative webinars to participating teams, and help organize the final pitch competition.

If you are a business-oriented person interested in the space industry and have exceptional drive and organizational skills, you are a good fit for this project.

Primary duties:

- Actively advertise this competition to academic institutions across the country.
- Collect and review applications and business plans.
- Recruit Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) to mentor and judge during the competition.
- Recruit SMEs to give online webinars to participating teams.
- Create a timeline and adhere to the deadlines.
- Create materials, including the YSpacE handbook, to guide students throughout.
- Create a budget and plan for all logistics.
- Seek prizes, monetary and otherwise, to award to the winning teams.
- Work with the Canadian Space Conference logistics team to arrange the final competition round.
- Be the point-of-contact for all participants, SMEs and SEDS Projects Executives.

Requirements:

- Time: 3-5 hours/week.
- Good organizational and communication skills.
- Must take initiative and work independently to execute all required tasks successfully.

Important note: To avoid biases or any unfair advantage, if selected as YSpacE PM, you will not be eligible to participate in YSpacE as a participant. This is an unpaid volunteer position. Prior experience in project management is an asset, but not necessary, just a willingness to gain experience and learn! Apply today by filling out the form at bit.ly/apply2seds, and we'll get back to you by the end of the application window. Deadline to apply is **Aug 8th, 2025**.