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Medtronic Foundation expands equity-based STEM partnerships to reach over 30,000 students in new locations

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Over the next two years, the Medtronic Foundation will invest \$2.8 million to improve lives for over 30,000 underserved and underrepresented students across three new locations. Each partnership will kick-start sustainable outcomes to address the root cause of persistent inequities where Medtronic employee volunteers have the greatest footprint and ability to make a difference.

“Our partnerships go far beyond funding. We bring Medtronic employee volunteers, nonprofits, and communities together, in doing this, we’re able to amplify our impact and create lasting change,” said Liz Lund, Director of Strategic Operations, Medtronic Foundation.

Underserved and underrepresented communities face deep and continual challenges with economic stability. Providing opportunities for equitable STEM education is one of the ways the Medtronic Foundation strives to reduce barriers to achieving health, well-being and prosperity.

“We are delighted to embark upon this exciting partnership with the Medtronic Foundation. It will enable us to focus on disseminating interactive, equitable, and authentic science experiences to previously under-reached demographics,” said Dr. Muriel Grenon, Director of Cell EXPLORERS, National University of Ireland Galway. “We at Cell EXPLORERS firmly believe that science is for everyone, and this partnership will help us to continue to address misconceptions about the types of people who can engage with science, whilst strengthening partnerships with communities working with underserved young people both within the university and beyond.”

Partnerships with equity-based youth programs are part of a bigger initiative with Medtronic Foundation to remove barriers to STEM education and to promote equity and representation with the goal of improving lives of underserved communities. The latest STEM partnerships expand on 13 existing STEM partnerships across Minnesota, Northern California, and Puerto Rico. For more information, please see the complete list of new Medtronic Foundation partnerships below or visit medtronicfoundation.org.

- [Caltech Y](#) (California)
- [Cell EXPLORERS](#) (Ireland)
- [Colorado Bioscience Institute](#) (Colorado)
- [I Have A Dream](#) (Colorado)
- [Family Learning Center](#) (Colorado)
- [Kinia](#) (Ireland)
- [Midlands Science](#) (Ireland)
- [SciFest](#) (Ireland)
- [Teens Exploring Technology](#) (California)
- [Two Bit Circus Foundation](#) (California)

About Medtronic Foundation

Medtronic plc is the sole funder of Medtronic Foundation, whose focus is on improving lives for underserved populations worldwide, as well as supporting communities in which Medtronic employees live and give. For more information, please visit medtronicfoundation.org.

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