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## **UofT students to bring science to life for more than 1,000 GTA kids on Immunology Day**

TORONTO – In celebration of World Immunology Day, 30 Let's Talk Science volunteers from the University of Toronto, St. George campus, will visit 45 Grade 9-12 classes across the Greater Toronto Area on Friday, April 29 to teach students about the immune system.

In total, volunteers expect to reach more than 1,000 youth to teach them about the development and function of the immune system and diseases associated with immune system malfunction. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in hands-on activities using a variety of diagnostic and research tools.

“All of our science outreach volunteers strive to make science learning relevant and accessible to children and youth at any age and Grade level,” says Julie Mason, Let's Talk Science Coordinator at the University of Toronto, St. George. “Science can be really exciting and engaging for kids when they have the opportunity to not only learn from genuine university students and scientists, but also when they get to do hands-on activities with real lab equipment.”

Day of Immunology was first established on April 29, 2005, by the European Federation of Immunological Societies (EFIS) to strengthen public awareness of immunology as a basis for individual health and wellbeing.

Let's Talk Science is an award-winning, national, charitable, science outreach organization that creates and delivers science learning programs for children and youth across Canada. Through Let's Talk Science Outreach, more than 2,600 enthusiastic post-secondary student volunteers at 33 universities and colleges turn more than 120,000 kids on to science, engineering and technology each year. For more information, please visit [www.letstalkscience.ca](http://www.letstalkscience.ca).

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