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## ***Manitoba First Nations Science Fair: Exploring Science from an Indigenous Perspective***

Hundreds of Grades 4 to 12 students at the annual [Manitoba First Nations Science Fair](#) (MFNSF), held March 9-10, 2017, under the theme “Listeners of the Earth,” displayed their unique and innovative science projects at the University of Manitoba’s Max Bell Centre.

The two-day event, organized by the [Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre](#) (MFNERC) aims to increase the awareness of, interest in, and attention to science in First Nations schools and improve the quality of science being experienced by First Nations students.

“We are proud to present the Manitoba First Nations Science Fair, one of the fastest growing regional science fairs in Canada,” says Lorne C. Keeper, executive director of MFNERC. “Partnering with the University of Manitoba, this science fair gives First Nations students the opportunity to explore science from an Indigenous perspective.”

“It’s an honour to welcome these students to campus and to witness their hard work and enthusiasm for learning,” says Frank Deer, acting executive lead for Indigenous Achievement at the U of M. “As they inspire younger students in their communities, our hope is to provide them with an experience that will encourage them to continue on to higher education in the future, and to pursue excellence.”

Four students will go on from this event to represent the MFNSF at the [Canada-Wide Science Fair](#) in Regina in May.

### ***About MFNERC***

The Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre provides the province’s leading education, administration, technology, and language and culture services to First Nations schools in Manitoba.

### ***Additional files***

**Website:** <http://mfnerc.org/events/manitoba-first-nations-science-fair/>

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