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Students search for gold

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Gold-fever will be in the air when 30 students from across the country visit Geoscience Australia in the search for gold as part of the 2009 National Youth Science Forum.

Using current research tools and techniques, students will have a hands-on experience when they examine rock samples, maps and data from remote Western Australia to discover areas that have the potential for gold.

The half-day workshop simulates how geoscientists search Australia for new mineral deposits, and aims to provide students with an insight into real-world geoscience careers, and knowledge about the diverse study of Earth science.

While at Geoscience Australia, students will have the opportunity to talk to staff already involved in graduate and cadetship programs, as well as some of Australia's leading geoscientists, about careers and opportunities available in the geoscience field.

"It's a great way to see young scientists engaging with students and helping them learn about what we do," said Dr Neil Williams, CEO of Geoscience Australia. "I'd like to see these students pursuing a career in geoscience and participating in our cadet and graduate programs."

The National Youth Science Forum (www.nysf.edu.au/) is a two week program held in Canberra in January each year for students moving into Year 12 with an interest in following a career in science, engineering and technology.

When: 2:15pm - 4:30pm, Tuesday 13 January

Where: Geoscience Australia, Corner Jerrabomberra Ave and Hindmarsh Drive, Symonston ACT.

- See students 'gold-panning' 21st century style
- Talk with existing graduates and cadets on why they chose a career in geoscience
- Talk to leading geoscientists on the evolution of discovering mineral deposits

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