



Next Generation Explorers Award

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Peter Spora welcomed as a judge and Silver Sponsor for the 2021 Frank Arnott – Next Generation Explorers Award (NGEA™)

The Next Generation Explorers Award (NGEA™) Association is delighted to welcome Peter Spora as a Silver Sponsor and judge for the 2021 Frank Arnott - Next Generation Explorers Award (NGEA™). This award is focused exclusively on bringing together the education and mineral resource sectors to address key industry challenges around the use and interpretation of exploration-relevant data. The NGEA™ will provide a means for geoscience students to **“bridge the real-world skills gap”** by working collaboratively on an unstructured problem that will hone both their university-acquired and collaborative group skillsets on relevant applications used in the mineral exploration industry.

“We greatly appreciate Mr. Spora’s generous personal contribution to the Frank Arnott - Next Generation Explorers Award,” says Marc Gasparotto, Vice-President of the Next Generation Explorers Award Association. “Mr. Spora’s collaborative and inclusive nature along with his 25+ years of exploration, technical and corporate experience makes him an ideal judge for the NGEA™.”

This challenge is open to students who are currently enrolled in either an undergraduate or post-graduate Earth Science degree. Students will have the opportunity to collaborate within multi-disciplinary groups, gain hands-on experience working with modern data sets encountered in real-world employment scenarios and improve their leadership and team-based skills. Participants will have the chance to grow their professional networks, meet with potential employers and receive feedback and recognition by those in the mineral exploration industry. The finalist presentations and awards ceremony for the Frank Arnott - Next Generation Explorers Award (NGEA™) will take place during the PDAC convention in March 2021.

“I am excited to be involved with, and to sponsor, the Frank Arnott – Next Generation Explorers Award. Just as for Frank Arnott, this award is about working in multi-disciplined teams, leveraging off industry and academic networks, utilising all kinds of datasets, applying innovative skills, and importantly not being constrained by convention. I look forward seeing and learning from the results of this program.”

Mr. Spora is currently the Executive Vice President Exploration & Growth for Golden Star Resources, effective Nov 1, 2019. He has held senior and executive positions with Homestake Gold Australia, Barrick Gold Corporation in Australia and Africa, Acacia Mining plc throughout Africa, and La Mancha Services UK. Mr. Spora holds a bachelor’s degree in Applied Science, Geology from the University of Technology, Sydney.

The Next Generation Explorers Award Association is a non-profit organisation, made up of volunteers, that is committed to supporting our future generation of explorers through collaborative and industry-specific events like the Frank Arnott - Next Generation Explorers Award (NGEA™). For further information on sponsorship or participating, please visit our website at www.frankarnottaward.com.