Follow a Researcher™ is an innovative University of Maine 4-H program that connects youth with a graduate student who is conducting field research in a remote location. Using technology and social media, K-12 classrooms have an unprecedented opportunity to get to know a student researcher. Youth engage in the research process and witness NGSS Science and Engineering Practices in action.

Future program plans include connecting K-12 students with graduate students with a focus in lab-intensive research as well as engineering. We also are developing a training program for university outreach staff and a Follow a Researcher™ network that will allow other universities to host their own program while tapping into a larger national K-12 audience.

Meet the Researcher
- Classroom visits in person or via Skype
- "Trip Flags" decorated by classrooms travel with expedition

Experiential Learning Activities
- Suggested by staff, or
- Shared by participating teachers
- Connect remote research to home

Videos
- Prerecorded
- Aligned with NGSS Practices
- Released weekly
- Basis for Twitter Q&A

Live GPS Tracking
- Online, real-time maps
- Track expeditions over time

Live Twitter Q&A
- Weekly during expedition
- Videos spark conversation
- Youth can ask anything
- Moderated by staff

To learn more...
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