

# FOUNDATIONS & PARTNERSHIPS:

## High Arctic Explorer 2023

Adventure Canada is committed to sustainable travel and recognizes the importance of giving back to the communities and regions we visit. We believe that responsible travel practices not only benefit the environment, but also contribute to the long-term economic well-being of these areas. In addition to our ongoing efforts, we are constantly seeking ways to improve and do more.

Throughout our expedition season, we partner with a number of organizations to support initiatives such as hosting Young Explorers, facilitating scientific research in remote locations, and donating items for charitable on-board auctions. We encourage you to keep an eye out for these partnerships during your Adventure Canada expedition. Together, we can make a positive impact and help create a better future for all.

### **RESEARCHER-IN-RESIDENCE**

Adventure Canada hopes to engage, inspire and educate by connecting people to the land and to each other through field science and innovative travel experiences. We believe that spreading knowledge and understanding of the areas to which we travel will enable better protection of these areas and inspire the public to take an actionable interest in them. We offer the researcher-in-residence an opportunity to observe the environments and communities visited by the ship and share their research interests with individuals aboard. On this voyage, our resident researcher will be:

**Professor Jackie Dawson's Team** – Headed by Dr. Jackie Dawson of the University of Ottawa, the team's research is informed by community-led consultation, with a primary focus on Arctic shipping risks in Inuit Nunangat.

**Mallory Lab** – Headed by Dr. Mark Mallory at Acadia University, the team's seabird surveys work to further our understanding of seabird populations and how species are impacted by plastic pollution.

## AUCTION BENEFICIARIES

**Students on Ice Foundation** – Adventure Canada is a proud partner, sponsor, and supporter of the Students on Ice Foundation (SOI), an award-winning organization offering transformative educational expeditions for youth in the Arctic. Adventure Canada shares SOI's pioneering vision of the polar regions as the world's greatest classrooms. Experience in the polar world creates a tremendous platform for education across cultures and disciplines, including science, history, arts, natural history, sustainable development, and conservation. Over the past sixteen years, more than 2,500 students from fifty-two countries have participated in SOI expeditions.

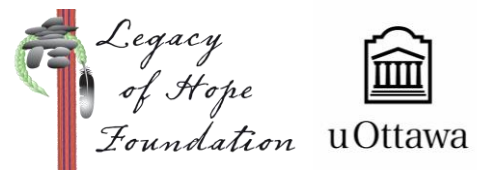
On every SOI journey, scientists, elders, experts, artists, historians, innovators, musicians, and visionary leaders travel together with the students to foster a spirit of discovery, understanding, collaboration, respect, awe, wonder, and a deep connection to nature. Since 2011, Adventure Canada has worked with SOI to support Inuit students through the scholarship program, and by providing vessels for Arctic expeditions. Adventure Canada and Students on Ice are thrilled to grow their partnership aboard the *Ocean Endeavour*.

**The Royal Canadian Geographical Society** – The Royal Canadian Geographical Society (RCGS) is a nonprofit educational organization based in Canada. Its primary goal is to promote a wider understanding and greater admiration for Canada, encompassing its diverse population, various locations, rich natural and cultural heritage, and the environmental, social, and economic issues it faces. Adventure Canada and the Royal Canadian Geographical Society (RCGS) have worked together since the early 1990s. Adventure Canada's CEO, Cedar Swan, is a fellow of the RCGS. Adventure Canada's expedition leader, Jason Edmunds, has won the Marty Berman Award for Arctic leadership and is also a fellow of the RCGS. Many of Adventure Canada's expedition team members are fellows and hold positions with the RCGS. We believe strongly in the power of collaboration, and proudly are able to offer better and more innovative programming through cooperation.

## ADDITIONAL PROGRAM PARTNERS



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