2019 was the first official year that Lotus STEMM functioned as a federally registered non-profit organization. In addition to setting up a Board of Directors, Lotus STEMM has been involved in expanding its social media presence.

Lotus STEMM has a social media reach on Instagram (363 followers), Twitter (679 followers), Facebook (78 followers), and LinkedIn (104 followers), with 74% of following being female, and 26% is male. Lotus STEMM has a global reach with followers from Canada, USA, India and UK.

In addition to social media presence, for the first time Lotus STEMM opened up its doors to new volunteers. We have 7 volunteers active with communications, 4 ongoing research projects, and 3 strategy and program developing volunteers, with a total of 14 active volunteers. We have also developed a team of 6 Board of Directors.

Lotus STEMM has also been involved with many outreach, networking and research projects within the community. We’ve participated in 10 outreach events, 2 networking events, and 4 ongoing research projects. Lotus STEMM has also successfully started a LotusStories blog featuring 7 women and their inspirational stories! We also were published about in 2 publications/articles.

Lotus STEMM has had a steady growth in the year of 2018/2019, and is starting strong in 2019/2020.
UPCOMING PROJECTS

While Lotus STEMM has had a steady following in 2018/2019, we are developing a few programs for our followers:

Lotus STEMM Mentorship Program:
- Lotus STEMM is starting a pilot mentorship program matching mentees (ages 16 and up) with established South Asian women in STEMM mentors.

Lotus STEMM - Canadian Association of Girls in Science Chapter
- Lotus STEMM will start a CAGIS chapter with monthly hands-on STEM outreach activities for young girls ages 7-16.

Science Rendezvous
- Lotus STEMM will organize and host the 2020 Science Rendezvous event in Burlington for a second year in a row.

South Asian women’s health blog
- Lotus STEMM is starting a women’s health blog to highlight health issues faced by South Asian women that are not commonly addressed in our community.

Lotus STEMM conference
- In March 2020, Lotus STEMM will host its first conference that will have hands-on activities for kids (ages 10-15), and will feature prominent South Asian STEMM speakers for senior highschool students and their parents.

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Science and career outreach to middle school and high school students (~325 students), plus in-person and online workshops (~150 people) worldwide, and networking events (~70 individuals).

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