



2016 Rising Star Award: Dr. Richard Wright, Nalcor Energy

Richard Wright, Manager of Exploration, Nalcor Energy (Oil & Gas) is being recognized for his leadership, determination and commitment which has resulted in Nalcor Energy initiating and executing several revolutionary activities in Newfoundland and Labrador's offshore.

Prior to joining Nalcor in 2009, Richard worked with the frontier exploration team at Chevron, focusing on the Canadian Arctic and offshore Labrador. Before Chevron, Richard worked at a geophysical consulting firm in Orange County, California where he worked on a number of oil fields in California, South America, the North Sea, the Middle East and offshore Australia. Richard studied at Memorial University of Newfoundland and holds a Bachelor of Science degree and a Ph.D in geophysics with a thesis studying 4D seismic at the Hibernia oil field.

In 2009, Richard was presented with an opportunity to return home and today is Manager of Exploration with Nalcor Energy, where he is committed to finding new oil and gas resources for the people of the province. While established for almost 30 years, Newfoundland and Labrador's offshore – until recently – was largely unexplored. Recognizing the challenge of putting our offshore on the global oil and gas radar, Richard quickly put in place a comprehensive exploration strategy for the province – a strategy based on the collection of high quality geoscience data. To help execute this strategy, Richard brought together the best and brightest in the industry to form a world class exploration team.

While it has been a very busy couple of years for Richard and his team, it has also been an extremely exciting time. In 2010, under Richard's leadership, the

exploration team embarked on a journey to reshape Newfoundland and Labrador's offshore.

As a direct result of the offshore exploration geoscience work that the team is carrying out, the province is poised for growth. New basins in frontier areas have been mapped and delineated and play types that have never before been seen in offshore Newfoundland and Labrador are being imaged.

Richard's vision, hard work and leadership has not only inspired his team, who he credits with this award, but has also sparked renewed interest among the international oil and gas industry about what's taking shape in Newfoundland and Labrador's offshore.