Future Science Leaders (FSL) Counselors-in-Training (CIT)+ is a summer program for students entering 7th-9th grade (in the fall of 2020) to explore science and develop leadership and communication skills. They do this by working on educational programming, digital media, exhibit development, and scientific research projects.

This summer participants will...
- be a CIT at the Sciencenter’s Summer Camp
- deliver hands-on activities to campers and museum guests
- create printed and digital newsletters
- participate in and lead a citizen science project
- engage with the Sciencenter’s live animal collection (snakes, geckos, horseshoe crabs, etc.)
- help to design and prototype a museum exhibit
- earn volunteer or community service/career exploration hours

FSL CIT+ participants must commit to an entire two-week session.

Session dates:
- Session A: June 29th – July 10th
- Session B: July 13th – July 24th
- Session C: July 27th – August 7th
- Session D: August 10th – August 21st

Summer program hours for FSL participants are from 8:00am to 3:30pm

Sciencenter membership is not required to apply, but you must commit to having a current membership by July 1st that expires after August 31st if accepted.

Cost: **Early Bird Applicants** (application received before 2/21/20): $400*

**Regular Applicants** (application received after 2/21/20): $450*
- Scholarships are available for Membership Access Program recipients. Please contact Peter Leipzig for more information (607) 272-0600 ext. 145 or pleipzig@sciencenter.org
Application Instructions

1. Complete the attached application.
2. Have your parent/guardian complete and sign the Permission Form (See page 6).
3. Return all materials to:
   Future Science Leaders CIT+ Program
   Attn: Peter Leipzig
   Sciencenter, 601 1st Street
   Ithaca, NY 14850

   or

   Digitally as a PDF to pleipzig@sciencenter.org

WHAT’S NEXT?

1. Early bird applications will be accepted and reviewed through February 21st and applicants will be notified of acceptance by March 4th. Applications received after February 21st will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis through June 20th and applicants will be notified of acceptance within a week of receiving the application.

   Applications will be judged based on availability, interests, experience, and skills. If we are unable to accept your application, please consider applying for our Junior Scientists camp.

2. You will receive an email informing you whether you have been accepted and for which session.
3. Once you have accepted your placement into the FSL CIT+ program, you have two weeks to finalize your registration online. Your payment will be made at this time. This final step to registration guarantees your spot in the program. You will not be able to complete this step if you do not have a current Sciencenter membership.

   Whether or not you’re accepted to the summer program, you can join the FSL yearlong program in the fall to work on more educational programming, digital media, exhibit development, and scientific research projects!
PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: ______________________________________________________ Gender: _________________

Grade as of Fall 2020: ____________________________________________

Parent or Guardian Name(s): ________________________________________

Home Address: _____________________________________________________

City: __________________ State: ___________ Zip: _________________

Phone: ___________________________________________________________

Applicant’s Email: ________________________________________________

Parent’s Email: ___________________________________________________

Check (✓) the FSL CIT+ projects that interest you the most:

_____ Working with young children
_____ Leading hands-on science activities
_____ Creating video and paper newsletters
_____ Participating in scientific research
_____ Taking photographs and videos
_____ Designing and building new projects

How have you been involved with the Sciencenter? (Check all that apply)

☐ Never been to the Sciencenter
☐ Attended Sciencenter events
☐ Visited the Sciencenter as a guest
☐ Visited the Sciencenter on a field trip

☐ Current Member of FSL
☐ Previous Sciencenter Summer Camper
☐ Previous Sciencenter CIT
☐ Other: ____________________________
What skills do you bring to the FSL CIT+ program?

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Clubs/organizations that you are involved in (including those during the school year):

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What skills and experiences do you hope to gain through the FSL CIT+ program? (Check all that apply)

- [ ] Make new friends
- [ ] Learn how to gather scientific research
- [ ] Experience working with young kids
- [ ] Ability to communicate science to the public
- [ ] Experience designing and building prototypes
- [ ] Other: ________________________________
FSL CIT+ members must commit to an entire two-week summer session.

- Please indicate your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices.
- Please do not pick any session that you are unable to attend. If chosen, please keep in mind that although we try to accommodate FSL/CIT+ placement according to your preference, program placement is also based on the needs of Sciencenter Summer Camp.

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FSL/CIT+ program hours are Monday-Friday from 8:00am to 3:30pm

Junior Scientist Camp
If you are not chosen to be a CIT+, would you be interesting in attending our Junior Scientists camp for middle school students? □ Yes □ No

FSL Commitment
Please sign below indicating that you understand the schedule for the FSL CIT+ program and that Sciencenter membership is not required to apply, but that you must commit to having a current membership by July 1st, good through August 31st, if accepted.

Applicant signature:
_________________________________________________

Parent / Guardian signature:
__________________________________________
PERMISSION FORM

I give permission for ________________________________________ (child’s name)

To receive emergency medical treatment in the event that injury or illness should occur during his or her participation in the Future Science Leaders program, after program staff has made every reasonable attempt to contact me and/or other legal guardians.

To participate in program related activities conducted by the Sciencenter, I hereby release, indemnify and hold harmless the Sciencenter to from any and all liability in respect to any loss, damage, or claim of any nature whatsoever arising out of or in any way related to my child’s participation in the Future Science Leaders program, provided that such loss or damage was not caused solely by the fault or active negligence of the Sciencenter or its staff.

To walk off-site to local areas such as Stewart Park, the Ithaca Farmer’s Market pavilion, the Sagan Planet Walk, and Cascadilla Creek.

I understand that there is no supervision provided to FSL participants outside of program hours (8am -3:30pm). Youth, age 12 and above, may stay in the Sciencenter unsupervised outside of program hours.

I understand that the Sciencenter will record program activities for educational and publicity purposes, and I grant the Sciencenter permission to use photographs and videos of my child. I also grant the Sciencenter permission to put the finished product to any uses it may deem proper, including, but not limited to: print materials, media releases, advertising, online and social media. I understand that the Sciencenter does not provide monetary compensation

I understand that good behavior is a key component to a successful program. In an effort to provide a safe and fun-filled experience, all FSL members must exhibit proper behavior and self-control. FSL members are expected to respect museum staff, museum guests, and each other at all times. Examples of inappropriate behavior include, but are not limited to, fighting, horseplay, name-calling, bullying, foul language, and disrespectful actions. The Sciencenter reserves the right, upon notification of both FSL members and parents/guardians, to dismiss any FSL member for conduct that is deemed detrimental to the well-being of others, or to the overall operation of the FSL program.

Signature: ____________________________________________

Name (please print): ________________________________ Date: __________