



# FUTURE SCIENCE LEADERS COUNSELORS-IN-TRAINING PLUS PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND APPLICATION

Future Science Leaders (FSL) Counselors-in-Training (CIT)+ is a summer program for students entering 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade (in the fall of 2018) 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 video newsletters
- participate and lead a citizen science project
- engage with the Sciencenter's live animal collection (snakes, geckos, horseshoe crabs etc)
- design, build, and test mini golf holes
- earn volunteer hours

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

Session dates:

Session A: June 25<sup>th</sup> - July 6<sup>th</sup> (The program does not run on July 4<sup>th</sup>)

Session B: July 9<sup>th</sup> - July 20<sup>st</sup>

Session C: July 23<sup>rd</sup> - August 3<sup>rd</sup>

Session D: August 6<sup>th</sup> - August 17<sup>th</sup>

Session E: August 20<sup>th</sup> - August 31<sup>st</sup>

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 June 1st that expires after September 30th if accepted.**

Cost: **Early Bird Applicants** (application received before 3/2/18): \$400\*

**Regular Applicants** (application received after 3/2/18): \$450\*

- Scholarships are available for Membership Access Program recipients - please contact Lauren Van Derzee for more information (607-272-0600 ext 148 or [lvanderzee@sciencenter.org](mailto:lvanderzee@sciencenter.org))
- \*The cost for Session A is reduced because the program does not run on July 4<sup>th</sup>



## 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: Lauren Van Derzee  
Sciencenter, 601 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Ithaca, NY 14850

Or

As a PDF to [lvanderzee@sciencenter.org](mailto:lvanderzee@sciencenter.org)

## WHAT'S NEXT?

1. Early bird applications will be accepted and reviewed through **March 2<sup>nd</sup>** and applicants will be notified of acceptance by **March 6<sup>th</sup>**.  
Applications received after **March 2<sup>nd</sup>** will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis through **June 22<sup>nd</sup>** 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.
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 where your payment will be made. 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!**





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
- Skills working with i-movie and InDesign
- Ability to communicate science to the public
- Experience designing and building prototypes
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_



## SCHEDULE AND ATTENDANCE

**FSL CIT+ members must commit to an entire two-week summer session.**

- Please indicate your 1<sup>st</sup> choice session.
- If your 1<sup>st</sup> choice is filled, but you would like to be considered for another session please indicate a 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> choice.
- **Please do not pick any session that you may not be able to attend.** If chosen, please keep in mind that although we try to accommodate FSL placement according to your preference, FSL placement is also based on the needs of Sciencenter Summer Camp.
- **Note – Camp sessions are in brackets []** - Itty Bitty Scientists is camp for kids in grades K-1 and all other camps are for kids in grades 2-6.

\_\_\_\_\_ Session A    June 25 – July 6 [Explore! Mission to Mars & Build! Circus Engineering]

**Note –The program will not run on July 4th.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Session B    July 9 – July 20 [Investigate! Water & Explore! Mission to Mars, Itty Bitty Explore Science & Itty Bitty Explore Space]

\_\_\_\_\_ Session C    July 23 – August 3 [Build! Circus Engineering & Investigate! Water, Itty Bitty Explore Science & Itty Bitty Explore Space]

\_\_\_\_\_ Session D    August 6 – August 17 [Explore! Mission to Mars & Build! Circus Engineering, Itty Bitty Explore Science & Itty Bitty Explore Space]

\_\_\_\_\_ Session E    August 20 – August 31 [Investigate! Water & Explore! Mission to Mars]

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### 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 you must commit to having a current membership by June 1 that expires after September 30 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 movies of my child. I understand that the Sciencenter does not provide monetary compensation, and that the Sciencenter will not sell or give away photos/videos or use for anything not Sciencenter-related.

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: \_\_\_\_\_