



# 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 2019) 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 or community service/career exploration hours

**FSL CIT+ participants must commit to an entire two-week session, or select Session C.**

Session dates:

Session A: July 1<sup>st</sup> – July 12<sup>th</sup> (The program does not run on July 4<sup>th</sup>.)\*

Session B: July 15<sup>th</sup> – July 26<sup>th</sup>

Session C: July 29<sup>th</sup> – August 2<sup>nd</sup> (One-week mini-session! Half Price.)\*\*

Session D: August 5<sup>th</sup> - August 16<sup>th</sup>

Session E: August 19<sup>th</sup> – August 30<sup>th</sup>

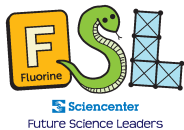
Summer program hours for FSL participants are from **8:00am to 3:30pm.**

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

Cost: **Early Bird Applicants** (application received before 2/27/19): \$400\*

**Regular Applicants** (application received after 2/27/18): \$450\*

- Scholarships are available for Membership Access Program recipients. Please contact Emily Belle for more information (607-272-0600 ext. 149 or [ebelle@sciencenter.org](mailto:ebelle@sciencenter.org))
- \*The cost for Session A is reduced because the program does not run on July 4<sup>th</sup>
- \*\*Session C (1 week) will cost \$200 for Early Bird Applicants, and \$250 for Regular Applicants.



## 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: Emily Belle  
Sciencenter, 601 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Ithaca, NY 14850

Or

Digitally as a PDF to [ebelle@sciencenter.org](mailto:ebelle@sciencenter.org)

## WHAT'S NEXT?

1. Early bird applications will be accepted and reviewed through **February 27<sup>th</sup>** and applicants will be notified of acceptance by **March 9<sup>th</sup>**. Applications received after **February 27<sup>th</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. 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!**





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):


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, or select Session C.

- Please indicate your 1<sup>st</sup> choice session.
- If you would like to be considered for another session in the event that your 1<sup>st</sup> choice is filled, 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/CIT+ placement according to your preference, program 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: July 1<sup>st</sup> – July 12<sup>th</sup> [Build! Circus Engineering & Investigate! Water; Itty Bitty Space Exploration & Itty Bitty Explore Science] \*Note – **The program will not run on July 4th.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Session B: July 15<sup>th</sup> – July 26<sup>th</sup> [Explore! Journey to Space & Build! Circus Engineering; Itty Bitty Space Exploration & Itty Bitty Explore Science]

\_\_\_\_\_ Session C: July 29<sup>th</sup> – August 2<sup>nd</sup> [Investigate! Water; Itty Bitty Space Exploration]

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\_\_\_\_\_ Session E: August 19<sup>th</sup> – August 30<sup>th</sup> [Investigate! Water & Explore! Journey to Space]

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

### 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 July 1<sup>st</sup>, good through August 31<sup>st</sup>, if accepted.

Applicant signature:

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Parent / Guardian signature:

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## 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: \_\_\_\_\_