

# Science Minors Clubs

It's a godsend to bring science to this community. We're helping children build a whole new mindset. They're learning teamwork, which is a critical skill in our community. They're also improving their reasoning and decision-making skills.

– Rev. Brenda Hollins,  
Director, RBC Community  
Center, Chicago

The science club program brings inspiration to our kids. It gets them to be enthusiastic about science. It's not from a book, it's hands-on learning. They get to make decisions and figure out what's happening with each activity.

– Jennifer Bosch, Executive  
Director, Hyde Park  
Neighborhood Club, Chicago

## Science Minors Club Locations





### Participating organizations receive:

- Science curriculum on topics including physics, renewable energy, engineering, health and more.
- Training and on-site support.
- Materials for hands-on activities.
- A field trip and Family Day for participating students and their families.

### Our vision:

Science Minors Clubs are offered through the Center for the Advancement of Science Education, a comprehensive programming approach that aims to achieve the Museum's vision to inspire and motivate our children to achieve their full potential in the fields of science, technology, medicine and engineering.

Learn more at [msichicago.org/science-clubs](http://msichicago.org/science-clubs).

## Sparking an Early Interest in Science

Through partnerships with community-based organizations and schools, the Museum of Science and Industry's after-school Science Minors Clubs provide preteens with early, hands-on exposure to science.

Clubs aim to increase interest in science in underserved neighborhoods by engaging students in places where they already spend their time after school. Participants work together on projects and activities that build curiosity and encourage teamwork.

Science Minors Clubs have grown to a network of over 65 locations throughout Chicago and surrounding suburbs that serve about 4,700 students each year.

Clubs are organized into four tiers – Associates, Partners, Masters and Ambassadors – that provide differing levels of support. The tiered approach is designed to give sites the confidence and skills they need in order to provide science experiences on their own. The sites in the highest level, Ambassadors, have been in the program at least four years.

