

Science Achievers



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Gain Leadership Skills While Exploring Science and Careers



Through the Science Minors and Science Achievers youth development programs, teens can discover new interests in science and technology, develop leadership skills, participate in paid internships, and prepare for college and careers. Teens earn service learning hours while engaging Museum guests in hands-on science experiments.

Start as a Science Minor

Science Minors attend 10 weeks of science education and training by Museum staff and external scientists and then volunteer to conduct interactive science experiments for Museum guests. Science Minors gain a better understanding of science, a first-hand look at science careers, and public speaking skills. Since 2003, nearly 1,000 teens have participated as Science Minors.

Become a Science Achiever

Teens who complete the Science Minors program are eligible to become Science Achievers. Science Achievers deepen their work by pursuing more rigorous science topics, meeting with working science professionals, preparing for college and careers, mentoring new classes of Science Minors and having the opportunity for paid internships.

Science Achievers demonstrate to children and adults that science is fun, hands on and relevant to their lives. They interact with people by conducting science activities at the Museum and at community events like family science nights and programs at libraries and other locations.

Program Requirements

Participants must:

- Be 14 to 18 years old.
- Complete the 10-week Science Minors program.
- Volunteer a total of 50 hours to become a Science Achiever, and volunteer for 12 hours a month to remain a Science Achiever.

Applicants must submit:

- Science Minors application form.
- Reference form.
- Essay form.
- Copy of most recent report card.

Learn more or apply online at msichicago.org/science-minors.

Participants can ...

- Explore cutting-edge science
- Satisfy service learning requirements
- Make new friends
- Learn about careers in science and technology
- Get involved in the community
- Visit college campuses
- Apply for paid internships
- Host family events
- Go behind the scenes at MSI
- Receive support in applying for college
- Conduct science activities at special events
- Meet science and business professionals
- Give presentations
- Take team-building field trips
- Have fun!



“I feel like I’m helping kids realize that science is really cool. And I hope that maybe I’m inspiring them to go into science in the future.”

– Tyrone

“I love learning about science in a place that isn’t a classroom!”

– Bryanna

“The Science Achievers program is invaluable. You’ll have opportunities that you won’t find anywhere else.”

– Zachary

“There are a lot of benefits like meeting scientists, making friends, and getting help with going to college.”

– Stefanie

“Science Achievers has let me explore my curiosity about so many science topics. This program has had a huge impact on my life.”

– Brian

“Because of the college readiness workshops, I feel like I’m prepared for college.”

– Robin

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