



Future Science Leaders—Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How much time will I have to dedicate to the program outside of the weekly meetings?

A. We ask that you reserve 2 hours per week for Future Science Leaders outside of the 2 hours of session time. You will be asked to work on scientific writing activities such as writing about experiments performed or communicating scientific ideas in engaging ways through writing a blog.

Q. What if I can't make it to one of the weekly meetings?

A. You will need to advise the program organizer/s prior to the class. It is important to attend all sessions to get most of the program. You must meet a minimum of 66% attendance record to stay in the program.

Q. How much does the program cost?

A. The program costs \$500 plus tax. This fee will be due when you accept a position in the program. There are bursaries available that cover up to 75% of the cost of the program.

Q. Can parents be involved in the program?

A. Please contact the program organizers if your parents want to be involved in the program, fsinfo@scienceworld.ca.

Q. Will this program count towards my school results?

A. This program is not a part of the high school curriculum, and therefore will not count towards your school results. Topics covered are often those outside of the curriculum so may not help with your current studies. Alumni of the program report that the activities we do help during your undergraduate degree.

Q. Will we be graded on our projects?

A. You will receive feedback on projects and be marked for completeness. We want students to perform the work and be willing to improve based on feedback. You will not be graded.

Q. Can you help with my science fair project?

A. We encourage and support students who wish to enter projects in competitions and science fairs across North America. We have a range of support we can offer from offering feedback on planned experiments or posters. In some instances, we can help students meet experts in fields they are interested in.

Q. What if I can't easily be classified as a grade 10 or 11 student?

A. Some students are working at different rates and aren't formally classified into grade 10 or 11. Please contact us to discuss your situation more. We are looking for students who are mature enough for the work required and have completed their grade 9 sciences.

Q. Will this assist with/be applicable to my university application?

A. This program can be included in your extracurricular activities and bolster your application to universities. However, there is no current formal recognition from universities of this program to raise the profile of your application.

Q. Will all the sessions take place at Science World in Vancouver?

A. Only the Vancouver program will meet each week at Science World unless there is a field trip or industry tour. There will be advanced notice of any field trips. The Surrey program meets weekly at the Health and Technology Innovation Hub, City Centre 1, Surrey.

Have more questions? Contact us at fsinfo@scienceworld.ca.