

CAMBRIDGE SCIENCE FESTIVAL
Teen Internship Description
2011-2012



The Cambridge Science Festival takes curiosity to a whole new level... **and we need talented, outgoing high school students to help make it all happen!** We run a multifaceted, multicultural festival over nine days throughout Cambridge in the Spring that makes science, technology, engineering and math accessible, interactive and fun! The Cambridge Science Festival is made up of more than 200 events that are customized for audiences from preschoolers to Nobel Laureates. This year the Festival is expanding to include year-round programs in a variety of locations in Massachusetts as **Science on the Street**.

Up to 10 Teen Interns per semester will serve as the Festival's Teen Advisory Board to help develop and implement Festival programming targeting middle and high school students. A major project for the Teen Advisory Board is the **IDEAS Challenge**, for which students aged 14 – 19 design solutions to contemporary problems.

Teen Interns are responsible for promoting the **Science Festival** and **Science on the Street** to middle and high school students and for helping to position the Festival as a much anticipated "cool" event. Teen Interns are called upon to act as Ambassadors at a variety of Festival events. Teen Interns also staff certain Festival events, including the Science Carnival, the Curiosity and **IDEAS Challenge** awards, and selected Science on the Street events. Teen Interns will also contribute to a blog about the Cambridge Science Festival and Science on the Street promoting these as exciting events for teens and families.

Teen Interns work under direction of the Student Festival Director and Festival staff. Teen Interns will receive a \$100 stipend per semester, and a letter documenting their internship.

Requirements: Teen Interns must be high school students. Teen Interns will serve for either (or both) the first and second semester of the 2011-2012 school year. Teen Interns should expect that Festival work will require an average of 2-4 hours per week in the Fall Semester and 4-6 hours per week in the Spring. Teen Interns will be expected attend monthly Teen Advisory Board meetings, and may be called upon to attend other planning sessions. Teen Advisory Board members must be available for additional time during non-school hours throughout the Festival (April 20 - April 29, 2012), including weekend events.

Teen Interns must be curious, creative, resourceful, enthusiastic, flexible, hardworking and extroverted. Members must be computer savvy, comfortable with social networking tools such as blogs and Facebook, and willing to speak before groups of students and adults. An interest in science, technology, engineering or math is a plus but significant academic achievement in any or all of those fields is not necessary. Recommendation by a school guidance counselor is required.

For an application or more information, please contact Peg LeGendre, Festival K-12 Education Coordinator, at plegendre@gmail.com.

Still curious? Check out the Festival at CambridgeScienceFestival.org.