

Cambridge Science Festival

Student Director

Internship Description



The Cambridge Science Festival takes curiosity to a whole new level... **and we need a talented, outgoing high school junior or senior from Cambridge Rindge and Latin School to help make it all happen!** We run a multifaceted, multicultural festival over nine days throughout Cambridge that makes science, technology, engineering and math accessible, interactive and fun! This year the Festival is expanding to include year-round programs in a variety of locations in Massachusetts as **Science on the Street**.

The Cambridge Science Festival is made up of more than 200 events that are customized for audiences from preschoolers to Nobel Laureates. Elementary school students and their families are participating in the festival in increasing numbers. But more programs and better outreach is needed to offer middle and high school students exciting festival options that make science, technology, engineering and math come alive!

The Student Director of the Cambridge Science Festival will be responsible for guiding the development and implementation of Festival programming targeting middle and high school students and for helping to position the festival as a much anticipated "cool" event. A major project for the Student Director will be to help design and run the *IDEAS* Challenge for which students develop solutions to challenging contemporary problems. The Student Director will serve as Chair of the Teen Advisory Board. Responsibilities will include recruiting Teen Interns to serve as members, coordinating and facilitating meetings, and directing Teen Advisory Board Activities.

The Cambridge Science Festival staff will be flexible regarding the Student Director's schedule, taking into consideration the student's schoolwork, job and extracurricular activities. Festival and CRLS staff will work with the Student Director to develop a mutually agreed upon set of goals that the Student Director wants to achieve and that the Festival needs to have accomplished.

Requirements: The Student Director must be a junior or senior at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School planning to advance her/his formal education beyond high school. The position will run from late Fall until the conclusion of the Festival in May. A stipend of \$500 will be paid to the Student Director upon the successful completion of each semester. The Student Director should expect that Festival work may require 3 to 10 hours per week. The Student Director must be available for additional hours during the Cambridge Science Festival (April 20 through April 29, 2012) including the Cambridge Science Carnival, Saturday April 21st, and the Curiosity Challenge and IDEAS Challenge Awards Sunday April 29th.

The Student Director must be curious, creative, resourceful, honest, flexible, hardworking and extroverted. S/he must be computer savvy, proficient with web browsers and Macs, comfortable with social networking tools such as blogs and Facebook, and knowledgeable in basic Word. 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. The Student Director will work in collaboration with the Cambridge Science Festival K-12 Education Coordinator and the CSF Events and Logistics Coordinator.

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

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