



Summer Science Communications Experience for High School Students

Applications Open Now!

Do you know a high school student who is fascinated by life science, interested in explaining it to others, and loves to write, create art, and/or engage on social media? If so, Curious Science Writers might be the perfect extracurricular program for them.

The 2024 program will feature a week-long virtual summer boot camp. In our region, it will also feature an in-person opportunity July 18 at the Wisconsin National Primate Research Center at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. Students will be able to see common marmoset monkeys (*Callithrix jacchus*) up close and learn about current marmoset research from a scientist who has studied them all her life – at the center and in the wild – to improve both animal and human health. Dr. Toni Ziegler was even named the American Society of Primatologists Distinguished Primatologist in 2022 for her significant contributions to the field of primatology.

Curious SCIENCE Writers (cSw), is an innovative STEAM initiative that trains high school students how to communicate clearly about science, making it understandable and engaging for public audiences. Students also experience working in multidisciplinary teams composed of student writers, editors, artists/designers, and social media coordinators.

- Application Period: Open until May 15 or until all 30 slots are filled.
 - Five-day, interactive, boot camp the week of July 15th (9-4pm ET)*
 - Live online instruction, guest speakers and interactive activities.
 - In-person visit to a regional research facility.
 - Story development and biweekly check-in meetings (mid-July through late August).
 - Matched with a professional science communication mentor
 - Each student writer will produce a fully researched, clear, and compelling biomedical science story for a general audience.
 - Editors, artists/designers and social media coordinators complete final story editing and regularly publish new stories from August through May of the upcoming academic year.
 - Opportunities to attend cSw gatherings throughout the academic year.
 - All student stories and artwork will appear on the cSw website, blog, and student-managed social media:
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| • Curious Science Writers website and blog | • Facebook |
| • Instagram | • LinkedIn |
| • Twitter | • TikTok! |

For more information, visit <https://curioussciencewriters.org>, or contact Paula Clifford, the program’s director, at info@curioussciencewriters.org. In addition, [this introduction video](#) offers some insights into the program. You can also [hear how one of our writers introduces her cSw article](#).