



December 1, 2018

Dear Principals, School Counselors and Science Department Directors:

Children's Hospital Medical Center is pleased to announce that the annual High School Science Student Symposium will be held at Cincinnati Children's on **Monday, April 1, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

We believe it is essential to encourage students to plan early for careers in science and medicine. The aim of this yearly Symposium is to stimulate students' interest in biomedical careers by allowing them to meet and learn first-hand about the work of doctors, scientists and allied health professionals who are finding new treatments and cures for childhood diseases and improving the outcomes for children today.

We invite you to select **TWO OF YOUR OUTSTANDING SCIENCE STUDENTS** (juniors or seniors only, please) **TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A SCIENCE FACULTY MEMBER or other adult representative of your school** to attend our program and luncheon. Space is limited, so early registration is strongly encouraged. Last year we had to close registration early so do not wait until the last minute to register. Only 3 people per school will be accepted.

The students will learn about career opportunities in the allied health sciences and biomedical research and tour clinical and research facilities at CCHMC for hands-on presentations of biomedical science at work. We hope that they will leave with a greater interest in pursuing a career in health care or research. Each participant will have the opportunity to attend **two** of the 7 morning presentations on different health care professions (see attached). As in the past, the second part of the symposium will feature hands-on activities with small groups touring three areas of the Medical Center and the Research Foundation. The day will conclude with a round table luncheon in which students will be able to interact directly with a specialist in an area of their choosing followed by presentation of summer program opportunities at CCHMC for high school students. *Students must specify in the application which specialty table they choose for lunch.* Adults will eat lunch at networking tables with participants from other schools.

The application is web-based, only one registration form will be accepted *per school*. The Registration form, program information, directions to CCHMC, and photos from previous symposia are now available online at:

<http://www.cincinnatichildrens.org/education/research/high-school/science-student-symposium/>

To fill out the online form you will need the names of all participants, and their choices for the morning workshops, group/hands-on presentations, and round table discussion (for students only). Each participant needs to be pre-registered for two morning workshops and the round table luncheon. Please rank your top 4 choices for the small group hands-on presentations (see attached). Due to scheduling conflicts, we can only guarantee that your group will be scheduled for at least one of your choices of the group presentations. Students will be assigned to a lunch table of their interest based on order of receipt of the application. Early registration is encouraged to ensure your first choice for the lunch roundtables.

If your school plans to participate in the symposium this year, please complete the registration form on the web ASAP. You will receive a fax or email confirmation of your registration. Please send us an email requesting confirmation, so that we can send you an email confirmation (to make sure that our email does not go to SPAM). If you have problems with filling out the registration form or would rather receive a paper or e-mail confirmation, please contact Lisa Higgins at (513) 803-0781 or by e-mail at Lisa.Higgins@cchmc.org.

SCHOOLS WILL BE ADMITTED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS. Due to space constraints, registration will be limited to 46 schools so please register *early* to assure acceptance in the program. Registration will be closed at noon on **March 1, 2019** or when *47 schools have been accepted* so don't delay.

We hope that you will be able to join us on April 1st for what promises to be another interesting and educational program. We also included a list of other outreach programs offered by CCHMC for you to share with your students.

Sincerely,



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