**2026–2027 Program Application Questions**

Use the application questions below to draft your responses. Do not submit the completed application via email. Applications will only be accepted through the application form linked on the [application webpage](http://scienceinthesummer.fi.edu/apply-national).

**PART ONE: Organization Profile**

Provide information about your organization’s **current reach and capacity** to engage youth in under-resourced communities.

* **Name of Organization:**
* **Organization Website:**
* **Organization Address:**
* **2025 Operating Budget of Your Organization:**
* **Current Total Number of Full-Time Staff at Your Organization:**
* **Current Total Number of Part-Time Staff at Your Organization:**
* **Describe how your organization provides programming to youth in under-resourced communities.** *Include information such as: How many youth were you able to engage with this model? Did you partner with other organizations to reach youth? What is an example of this programming, and how is this program funded?* (1500-character limit)

**PART TWO: Implementation Proposal**

Please provide a proposal for how you will implement GSK Science in the SummerTM in 2026 and 2027. This program has been most successful when applicants work with community partners that reach youth in under-resourced communities.

1. **Why does your organization wish to be a part of the GSK Science in the Summer™ program?** *Please explain how this program aligns with the goals and priorities of your organization.* (1500-character limit)
2. **For the 2026–2027 program cycle, organizations may apply to serve a range of program sizes, each with a commensurate stipend. Program sizes range from 400 to 1,000 youth and refer to the total number of youth in grades 2–6 your organization will serve each summer. Please indicate the program size you are proposing to implement.** *You may propose a different size than in previous years. Program sizes are not guaranteed; if accepted, The Franklin Institute will confirm your approved size.*

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| **Size** | **2026 Stipend** | **2027 Stipend** |
| 400 youth | $15,600 | $16,400 |
| 500 youth | $17,800 | $18,700 |
| 600 youth | $20,000 | $21,000 |
| 700 youth | $22,200 | $23,325 |
| 800 youth | $24,400 | $25,625 |
| 900 youth | $26,600 | $27,950 |
| 1,000 youth | $28,800 | $30,250 |

1. **Describe your method for ensuring youth in under-resourced communities participate in GSK Science in the Summer™**. *For example, describe any community partners your organization already works with or plans to develop relationships with to help reach these audiences.*(1500-character limit)
2. **Describe your program model and how this model will help you meet your proposed number of youth (between 400 and 1,000) and prioritize under-resourced communities**. *Please be as specific as possible. For example: your organization plans to partner with X number of community partners that reach X number of youth in grades 2–6 each and will train their educators; your organization plans to partner with X number of community partners that reach X number of youth in grades 2–6 each and your organization’s educators will lead the program at each partner organization.* (1500-character limit)

**PART THREE: Program Lead Information**

**Each organization must identify two qualified individuals who will act as Program Leads to manage GSK Science in the Summer™.** Please provide information and qualifications for the staff who are responsible for these roles.

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| **Program Lead Full Name:** |  |
| **Job Title:** |  |
| **Job Responsibilities:** |  |
| **Email Address:** |  |
| **Phone Number:** |  |
| **Qualifications to Lead the Program:** |  |
| **Will this person act as a Trainer for the program?** |  |

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| **Program Lead Full Name:** |  |
| **Job Title:** |  |
| **Job Responsibilities:** |  |
| **Email Address:** |  |
| **Phone Number:** |  |
| **Qualifications to Lead the Program:** |  |
| **Will this person act as a Trainer for the program?** |  |

If the Program Leads listed above will not act as the Trainer, **please identify an additional person who will lead educator trainings**:

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| **Trainer Full Name:** |  |
| **Job Title:** |  |
| **Email Address:** |  |
| **Job Responsibilities and Training Qualifications:** |  |

**PART FOUR: Budget**

**Please propose a budget for the 2026 stipend associated with the program size you selected above (between 400 and 1,000 youth).** *It will be assumed that your 2027 budget will follow similar percentages. Budgeted amounts should be listed as percentages. The full budget must add up to 100%. Recommendations for spending by category are provided.*

**Approved Categories:**

* Program Lead, Trainer, educator, and administrator support **staff time** spent working on the program.
* **Program materials** needed to implement the activities as intended (including ordering preset materials kits, shipping costs, kit packing materials, printing, and/or food for programs).
  + To see the types of program materials used in past years, please review the [*Be a Health Scientist!*](https://scienceinthesummer.fi.edu/be-a-health-scientist) activities and materials lists. If you participated in 2025, we recommend increasing your materials budget, as we anticipate higher costs in 2026 and 2027. Stipends have been adjusted to help offset these increases.
* **Community partner stipends** to support their time spent working on the program (stipends must follow the allowable and restricted categories).
* **Other** miscellaneous costs such as travel, indirect costs, media, and marketing**.**

**Restrictions:**

* Funds may not be used to purchase materials unrelated to GSK Science in the SummerTM programming.
* Funds may not be used to purchase incentives such as gift cards or other items unrelated to program implementation.
* Funds may not be used to purchase alcohol.

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| **Approved Category** | **Recommended Percentage of Total Stipend** | **Budgeted Spending Percentages Per Category** | **Justification:** Explain how the funds will be used. *For example, percent time of staff over duration of months and types of work they will do. If percentages are outside the recommended range, please explain the rationale below.* (1500-character limit) |
| **Program Staff Time** | 40 – 55% |  |  |
| **Program Materials** | 45 – 60% |  |  |
| **Community Partner Stipends** | 0 – 10% |  |  |
| **Other** | 5 – 10% |  |  |
| **Total Percentage (should add up to 100%):** | |  |  |

**PART FIVE: Contact Information**

If your organization is accepted to participate, we will use the information below to send an Organization Agreement through DocuSign, mail your stipend, add your organization to the national network [map on our website](http://scienceinthesummer.fi.edu/partners), and mail your printed program materials.

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| **Name, Title, and Email of Authorizing Official Who Will Sign Agreement (sent via DocuSign):** |  |
| **Name and Physical Address of Payee (stipend check recipient):** |  |
| **Contact Name and Email Address to be added to the Program Website:** |  |
| **Contact Name and Physical Address where Printed Program Materials should be mailed:** |  |

**PART SIX: Responsibility & Approval**

Each organization applying to be part of GSK Science in the SummerTM is required, as part of the application process, to approve of this agreement related to the proposed implementation plans and responsibilities. Each proposed Program Lead, as well as an authorizing official such as your department’s Vice President or higher, must approve the proposal. Please complete the checkboxes in the Google Form application.

**Program Leads will:**

* Respond promptly to all communications from the program team.
* Attend all program webinars.
* Complete and send requested documents to The Franklin Institute, such as the Organization Agreement and W-9.
* Identify internal or external educators to conduct programming with youth and ensure educators meet state background requirements. Program Leads may also act as Trainers and/or educators for the program.
* Ensure educators are delivering high-quality programming that aligns with program expectations.
* Recruit community partners that meet the criteria outlined by the program.
* Schedule programming with community partners and/or within your organization.
* Build/maintain relationships with community partners that receive GSK Science in the SummerTM.
* Coordinate materials ordering, delivery, kit packing, and ongoing materials management.
* Coordinate at least three program promotions.
* Manage and maintain an Organization Profile (online planning and reporting tool), including contact information, yearly budget, educator and training information, program reach, and promotions, according to established deadlines, with interim reporting due at the end of July and final reporting in mid-September each program year.
* Complete all evaluation expectations by mid-September each program year.

**Trainer will:**

* Attend all program webinars.
* Ensure all educators are trained in alignment with program training requirements.

By checking the boxes in the application, we understand we are committing to these expectations and the proposed program implementation, if accepted:

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| **Program Lead Name:** | **Program Lead Name:** |
| **Authorizing Official Name & Title:** | |