

**Discovery Corps** is a program that puts high school aged youth on the front lines of Pacific Science Center's mission to inspire lifelong interest in science. Motivated youth will delve into Pacific Science Center with intensive, hands-on involvement in presenting educational programs for the public and participating in behind the scenes projects and training. The immediate activities are fun, but the long term benefits are great too: youth will grow in job skills, learn about science careers and experience mentorship through their involvement Pacific Science Center staff and experienced volunteers.

The program consists of a system of training and assessment leading to increased levels of responsibility, pay and skill. Youth begin the program as volunteers, they go through a three day training session to become familiar with Pacific Science Center and start developing job skills in customer service, education and communication with people of all ages.

Once a youth has completed **approximately 100 hours** of service learning, including training, as a volunteer, he/she will be assessed on skills and performance. If expectations are met, he/she may be promoted into a paid position (assessment periods and new hire sessions will vary depending on staffing and the youth's volunteer schedule). This promotion includes increased responsibilities and more available training to assist with the continued development of skills. Paid youth can continue to work towards further promotions within the structure of the program.

As a member of Discovery Corps, youth will have the opportunity to participate in fun social events while exploring exciting new science discoveries. There are also workshops available that support the youth in their educational and career goals while developing job and life skills.

Upcoming Discovery Corps training will take place:

**CLASS XLII INITIAL TRAINING SESSION**

April 13, 20, 27, 2019 | 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Welcome Celebration: Sunday, April 28, 2018 | 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

The completed application form and two recommendations must be postmarked or delivered by the application deadline, **February 28, 2019**.

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A small pool of candidates will move to the next round of the selection process and will be contacted to schedule a personal interview. If you have questions, contact Discovery Corps at (206) 443-2884 or [discovery.corps@pacsci.org](mailto:discovery.corps@pacsci.org).

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## Personal Information (you must be at least 14 years old to participate)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (preferred) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Best time to contact you: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you doing community service hours for your school? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, how many hours? \_\_\_\_\_ On what date are your hours due? \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if you would like to learn about other opportunities for teens at Pacific Science Center: \_\_\_\_\_

## Emergency Contact

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

## Recommendation Information

Please submit two recommendation forms that are completed by the two individuals you have listed below. A recommendation form can be filled out by any adult who is not related to you, preferably a teacher, coach, or other person who knows you well.

Recommendation 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Short Essays

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper. Type or neatly write your answers. A short paragraph answer per question is fine.

1. Please describe any previous volunteer experience.
2. Why do you want to be a member of Discovery Corps?
3. In what area(s) of science or technology are you interested in and why?
4. Tell us about your world (for example: your family or your community) and how it has shaped your identity or future aspirations.
5. What do you hope to get out of the Discovery Corps experience?
6. What qualities do you have that will contribute to a successful experience in this program for yourself and other participants?

## Application Statement

I authorize Pacific Science Center to solicit information regarding my character, previous employment or any statements contained in this application, and contact my references. I hereby release all parties and persons contacted with any such request for information from all claims, liabilities and damages for any reason arising out of the furnishing of such information. If recruited as a volunteer, I release Pacific Science Center from any liability for future references it may provide regarding my work history with Pacific Science Center.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent/Guardian Consent

As the parent/guardian I am aware that \_\_\_\_\_ (name of applicant) is applying to be a volunteer at Pacific Science Center and I give my permission for their participation in the Discovery Corps program.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## If selected for an interview: new volunteers will be asked to complete a digital background check via our background check system. This must be completed before the first day of Initial Training.

Pacific Science Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Our intent is to provide equality of opportunity and treatment in all aspects of employment, programs, and benefits. All employees (including volunteers) should be able to work in an environment free from all forms of discrimination including sexual harassment, race, color, national origins, religion, sex, marital status, age, handicap, sexual preference, sexual orientation, or political ideology.

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Date sent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date received: \_\_\_\_\_ References: \_\_\_\_\_

Interview Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Database: \_\_\_\_\_

## Applicant Questionnaire

The Discovery Corps program is committed to enrolling a student body that is culturally diverse and from groups that are traditionally underrepresented in STEM fields. Your answers will help us ensure our program's success in providing opportunity to these groups; your answers will not determine your selection for this program.

Discovery Corps is designed for youth with backgrounds that are underrepresented in STEM fields. This includes, but is not limited to, the following groups:

- Youth who are African American, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, Asian American, American Indian or Alaska Native, Hispanic or Latino, and students who consider themselves to be of more than one race.

**Do you consider yourself a member of any of these groups?**

Yes      No

- Youth who qualify – financially – for free or reduced price meals at school.

**Do you qualify for free or reduced price meals at schools?**

Yes      No

- Youth who would be the first generation in their family to attend college.

**Would you be the first generation to attend college?**

Yes      No

- Females interested in pursuing a career in STEM fields.

**Do you consider yourself a member of this group?**

Yes      No

- Youth who self-identify as part of a marginalized group that is not listed above.

**Do you consider yourself a member of a group like described above?**

Yes      No

The three training dates are very important days for incoming Discovery Corps members. Youth who are unable to make all three training days typically do not do well within our program.

**Are you able to attend all three mandatory training dates as listed on the first page of this application?**

Yes      No

**Applicant Questionnaire - continued**

Discovery Corps members who are volunteers are required to work 8 hours per month; members who are paid staff are required to work 16 hours per month.

**Do you anticipate being able to achieve this minimum?**

**Yes      No**

NOTE: Discovery Corps members will begin the program as volunteers in order to complete service learning requirements for school before moving into a paid position. All Discovery Corps members who move into a paid position will need to be able to work legally in the United States. Members may also choose to stay as volunteers during their experience with Discovery Corps.

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Applicant Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_