



September 2014

Dear Educator,

From November 15–19, 2014, the American Heart Association will hold its annual Scientific Sessions, the world's largest meeting of scientists and healthcare professionals devoted to the science of cardiovascular disease and stroke, at Chicago's McCormick Place. More than 4,000 abstracts of original research, both clinical and basic, will be showcased, in addition to one of the largest medical exhibits in the world showcasing the latest diagnostic and imaging equipment, pacemakers, and educational products.

Scientific Sessions presents a unique opportunity to introduce your top science students to the exciting world of cardiovascular research – especially those students who are considering undergraduate study in the sciences.

On Tuesday, November 18th from 10:00 am-2:00 pm we will host up to 150 students and their teachers to learn about the latest in cardiovascular research and tour the exhibit hall. They also will hear from a panel of American Heart Association-funded researchers, physicians, nurses, and allied health professionals about careers in health and science and learn what to look for in an undergraduate academic program. And as a follow-up to Students at Sessions, we plan to select one of the participating schools for further engagement with our researchers and science volunteers during the 2014-15 school year.

Students interested in attending our 2014 Students at Sessions event will be required to submit a 300-word essay that demonstrates their interest in cardiovascular science; enclosed in this packet you will find a reproducible application form that includes a choice of four essay questions for students to choose from. Please copy and distribute the form to junior and senior science students who would benefit from this exciting opportunity. (Attendees must be 16 years of age or older.) **The deadline for submitting the application and essay is October 6, 2014, and selected students and their teachers will be notified by October 17th.**

Cardiovascular disease is our nation's number one killer, claiming the lives of more than 787,650 Americans each year. But amazing advances have been made in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of heart disease and stroke – thanks to biomedical research. There has never been a better time for your students to explore the world of cardiovascular science, and we are delighted to offer them this opportunity at our Scientific Sessions meeting. If you have questions, please call me at 312-476-6604 or Tina Steinway at 312-476-6685. You can also e-mail us at liz.andrews@heart.org or tina.steinway@heart.org

We look forward to hearing from you and hope that your school will participate in Students at Sessions on November 18!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Liz Andrews'.

Liz Andrews
Senior Vice President
Health Strategies



SCIENTIFIC **SESSIONS** 2014

Students at Sessions

(Please type or print)

Applicant Information:

Student Name _____ Date _____
High School _____
High School Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone (_____) _____
Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

High School Contact (teacher/counselor) Information:

Name _____ Title _____
Phone (_____) _____ Email _____
High School Contact Signature _____ Date _____

Additional Requirements:

- Student must be 16 years of age or older
- This application, along with your response to one of the essay questions provided, will be accepted through **Monday, October 4, 2014**
- Email your forms to Tina.Steinway@heart.org or mail to the attention of Tina Steinway, American Heart Association, 208 S. LaSalle St, Suite 1500, Chicago IL 60604.
- Your packet must be postmarked Monday, October 4, 2014 if you are mailing it in

For more information, contact: Tina Steinway 312-476-6685 or tina.steinway@heart.org



SCIENTIFIC 2014
SESSIONS

Coming this fall:

2014 Students at Sessions

The American Heart Association's annual **Scientific Sessions, the world's largest conference for scientists and healthcare professionals devoted to the science of cardiovascular disease.** Over 18,000 scientists, physicians, and volunteers from across the globe will flock to the Windy City to share their knowledge and learn about the latest in cardiovascular research.

YOU... and other top science students who want an introduction to the exciting work of cardiovascular research – especially those students who are considering undergraduate study in the sciences. Our goal is to positively influence careers in science, medicine and health by exposing students to leading researchers and clinicians and the latest in cardiovascular science and technology.

When: **Tuesday, November 18, 2014 – 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

Where: **McCormick Place, Downtown Chicago**

Questions? Email: Tina.Steinway@heart.org Phone: 312-476-6685