Sarah Lawrence College Summer Programs

At a Glance

Program	2027 Dates	Length	Ages / Grade	Credits	Tuition
Writers Week	Virtual: July 6–9 On Campus: July 12–16 or July 26–30	4 days (virtual) 1 week (on campus)	Entering grades 9–12 in fall 2027; age 14+	1	Virtual: $985 On Campus: $2,050
Painting From Poetry (Visual Arts)	July 12–30	3 weeks	Rising sophomores–seniors (fall 2027) or current undergrads	3	$6,150
Rising Artists Musical Theater Intensive	July 19–Aug 6	3 weeks	Rising sophomores–seniors or 2027 HS grads	3	$6,150
Young Writers Studio	July 19–23	1 week	Rising freshmen–seniors or 2027 HS grads	1	$2,500
Hudson River Ecology Course (CURB)	July 12–16	1 week	Rising HS juniors/seniors (age 15–18), recent grads, undergrads	1	Commuter: $1,550 Residential: $2,050
Science Research: Methods and Ethics	July 19–30	2 weeks	Rising sophomores–seniors or 2027 HS grads	2	$4,100
Residential option (housing, meals, activities)					TBD

About Sarah Lawrence

Located in Bronxville, just north of New York City, Sarah Lawrence is renowned for our multi-disciplinary, student-centered, hands-on approach to the arts and sciences. Whether you are interested in creative writing, theatre, visual arts, or science, you will find a program designed to challenge you, help improve your college application, and surround you with a vibrant community of like-minded people.

Student Experience

At Sarah Lawrence, we know that artistic and intellectual growth happen best when students feel safe, supported, and inspired. As a student, you will learn to balance responsibility and freedom, collaborate with peers who share your passions, and discover what it's like to be part of a creative college campus campus.

If you are 16 years or older, you are welcome to stay on campus in our dorms as a residential student. Residential students live on campus for the duration of the program, giving you the opportunity to experience college life more fully. Outside the classroom, you can build friendships, take part in scheduled activities, and develop greater independence within a structured and supportive environment. Housing prices and registration will be available by November 2026. Tuition fees do not include housing costs.

You may also choose to stay in New York City or the local area and commute to campus. A free shuttle service is available from the Bronxville Metro North station to all programs for those who choose to commute.

Program Details

Writers Week: Summer Writing & Theatre

Daily writing workshop (led by two MFA Writing graduate students) spanning genres — poetry, memoir, novel writing, flash fiction, speculative fiction, fantasy, romance — plus a "Writer's Theatre" strand exploring storytelling through improvisation, screenwriting, sketch writing, playwriting, and musical songwriting. No prior theatre experience required. Classes capped at 18 students with two teaching artists per workshop.
Entry Requirements: Open enrollment, no application required. Registration opens October 2026.

Painting From Poetry

Intensive studio drawing-and-painting course (observational and idea-based drawing, composition, color, collage, papier-mâché) paired with a weekly poetry workshop that feeds visual work. Includes a faculty-led trip to NYC galleries and concludes with a public exhibition. Max 13 students per instructor.
Entry Requirements: Two-step application including a portfolio submission of 3 pieces of art. General admission deadline May 3, 2027; rolling review. Applications open October 2026.

Rising Artists Musical Theater Intensive

Conservatory-style training in acting, vocal performance, and dance/choreography, including script and song analysis, ensemble singing, and rehearsal practice. Culminates in an original musical revue plus recorded material for performance reels. Max 15 students.
Entry Requirements: Self-tape singing a song of choice, plus a performance resume/experience list. General admission deadline May 3, 2027; rolling review. Applications open October 2026.

Young Writers Studio

Workshop-based course where students choose one genre track, Poetry & Memoir or Fiction & Speculative Fiction, and get a core workshop, guest-author master classes, a one-on-one manuscript conference, electives (zine-making, submitting to lit magazines, etc.), and a daily Writing Hour. Groups of 6–12 writers, up to 3 workshop groups.
Entry Requirements: Writing sample (up to 4 poems or 8 pages of prose) plus a 300-word statement of reading. Students select a genre track and sub-genre at application. General admission deadline May 1, 2027. Applications open October 2026.

Hudson River Ecology

Hands-on river ecology — local geography, water quality, aquatic habitats, human impact — through outdoor/lab fieldwork including sediment surveying, plankton collection, fish identification, and bacteria monitoring, plus a self-guided project due two weeks after the course and daily asynchronous coursework. Capped at 20 students.
Entry Requirements: Open application online — no portfolio or supplemental materials specified; reviewed on a rolling basis. Registration opens October 2026.

Science Research: Methods and Ethics

Two-week research intensive. Week One builds a shared foundation (research methods, ethics & lab safety, data collection, analysis/visualization, science communication); Week Two is a hands-on project within a chosen track — Biological Sciences, Physical & Earth Sciences, or Psychological Sciences — under a faculty mentor and undergraduate research mentors, ending in an oral presentation. Optional poster presentation at SLC's Science Poster Symposium the following fall.
Entry Requirements: Personal statement, CV/resume, list of prior science/math coursework, ranked top-3 track preferences, and confirmation of personal laptop access. Base prerequisites (all tracks): Algebra I + a high school science course with lab. Track-specific: Biological Sciences requires HS Biology; Physical & Earth Sciences recommends HS Chemistry; Psychological Sciences has no added prerequisite. Priority deadline May 1, 2027 (guarantees preferred track placement); rolling thereafter. Applications open October 2026.