



Communicating with a field expert

Dear (place the name of the expert here... be sure to use their proper title),

My name is (place your name here). I am a student journalist for the curiousSCIENCEwriters (cSw), an extra-curricular program that publishes science stories written for a general audiences (www.curiousSCIENCEwriters.org). cSw is an innovative, extra curricular program that trains creative high school communicators to bring complex science to the general public through the power of story. cSw is hosted by States United for Biomedical Research (SUBR) and is endorsed by The Biology Teachers Association of New Jersey (BTANJ).

I am contacting you because I am intrigued by (place something unique about the person's professional work). I am in the process of developing a research story and would like to ask you a few questions about your research.

Having the opportunity to learn from you would be an honor. I would be happy to reach out to you via e-mail, skype, or phone to grasp a better understanding of your work.

I hope to hear back from you by (place a date here). Below you can find my contact information. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

First name, Last name
cYw staff journalist

Contact information:
First name, last name
e-mail address

*For your protection - do not provide your cell or home contact information if you do not already have a relationship with this individual. *

Always cc curiousSCIENCEwriters on any e-mail communications you have with an outside researcher