



Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (IISEF) 2016 Phoenix, Arizona, USA, May 8–13, 2016.

Dear Science Fair Organizer,

In March of 2016, at the Montreal Regional Science & Technology Fair (MRSTF), winning projects will be chosen to attend the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (IISEF) which will take place in Phoenix, Arizona. The IISEF is the highest level fair in the world, the “Olympiad of Science Fairs”. It is the most prestigious award presented at the regional fair, an all-expense paid trip for each of the students involved.

There are important rules (see below) and regulations that must be adhered to. Forms, obtained from the IISEF website, must be completed by the students. **This paperwork must then be reviewed and approved by the MRSTF Scientific Review Committee (SRC) before the MRSTF competition in March 2016. DO NOT SEND ANY FORMS TO THE IISEF SRC.**

It is most important that the teachers-in-charge identify potential IISEF-level projects and that the students involved be informed of the IISEF rules and regulations. A minimum number of 3 forms (see below) must be filled out by all projects in order to qualify for IISEF, *if the project wins at the MRSTF*. Students do not “apply” to compete at the IISEF but the forms must be ready before the regional fair takes place.

Some projects require approval before experimentation begins and additional forms must be filled out, dated and signed by, possibly, supervisors, research institution scientist(s) and others, depending on the type of project involved.

Finally, the MRSTF SRC members review these projects, suggest ways to correct and/or improve them, sign and check the dates on the required forms. If there are any violations, they must be corrected and a new project report and possibly forms must be re-submitted.

[The International Rules for Pre-college Science Research: Guidelines for Science and Engineering Fairs](#) is published annually to support students doing independent research safely. They are the official rules of the Intel IISEF and students competing at an SSP-affiliated science fair.

The purpose of these rules is to:

- protect the rights and welfare of the student researcher
- protect the rights and welfare of the human participant
- ensure adherence to federal regulations
- ensure use of safe laboratory practices
- protect the environment
- determine eligibility for competition in the Intel IISEF 2016

Helpful Related Links

[Intel ISEF rules FAQ](#)

[Intel ISEF rules wizard](#)

[Overview of forms and dates](#)

[Intel ISEF categories and sub-categories](#)

[Student Science Project Resources](#)

[Intel ISEF Project Database](#)

Deadlines for submitting forms to MRSTF SRC

December 18, 2015 is the first deadline for submitting ISEF proposals and required forms to the MRSTF SRC for projects that require approval before experimentation begins. If the student started the project in the summer of 2015 in a research institution and under the approval/supervision of a scientist, this qualifies as *approval before experimentation* and so there should be no problem getting the necessary forms signed and dated (in this case “backdated”).

What to submit to the MRSTF SRC:

- a **research plan** with experimental details and procedures
- **risk assessment form (MRSTF)**
- the forms that need to be signed by the **research supervisor** (mentor/scientist), the **Checklist for Adult Sponsor (1)**, the **Student Checklist (1A)**, the **Approval Form (1B)** and the **Risk Assessment Form (3)**
- a draft of the **abstract**.

February 19, 2016 is the second and final deadline for submitting ISEF proposals to SRC for projects that require approval before experimentation begins. This 2nd deadline may be needed in case the research scientist is away or the project started early in 2016.

Potential ISEF projects, *that need approval before experimentation begins*, **cannot be considered for ISEF if they do not meet the final Feb 19, 2016** deadline.

Regards,

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