

2022 MRSTF Important Info

Please consult both the technoscience.ca and sciencetech.ca (which will be updated) websites for all the details regarding the 2022 MRSTF competition.

1. Event Format, COVID and Public Health Guidelines for MRSTF 2022

- The 2022 MRSTF is being planned as a hybrid event:
 - o Sunday, March 27th: In person (set-up, opening ceremonies, public viewing)
 - o Monday, March 28th: Virtual (Judging Day. Judging will be on Zoom from either the student's home or the student's own school).
 - o Tuesday, March 29th: In person (public viewing, student activities, and Awards Ceremony)
- Though it is hoped that there will be an in-person component person on Sunday March 27th and Tuesday March 28th we will confirm closer to the event based on public health guidelines
- The in-person portions of the event will take place at Laval Senior Academy:
3200 Bd du Souvenir O, Laval, Quebec H7V 1W9
 - o Proof of vaccination (vaccine passport) will be required for access to the in-person portions of the event for everyone – students, visitors and chaperones.
 - o A mask must be worn at all times by all on-site

2. Rules

As always, please read the rules before you begin as there are always changes! See the rules here <https://technoscience.ca/en/expo-sciences/tools-and-rules/rules/> (secondary/cegep)

3. Presentation Requirements

All students must create and submit with their registration a Google Slides presentation and a video recording of their oral presentation. These will be used on public websites.

4. Updated Ethics Approval Process

It is important to check and see if your project requires ethics approval as seen in section 5 & 6 of the 2022 Science Fair rules.

All students should check whether their project requires ethics approval by completing this short, 2 minute survey: <https://approbation.technoscience.ca>

If you require ethics approval, you will be guided on how to apply by the website

*****All projects requiring ethics approval must be submitted prior to project commencing.*****

For any questions regarding ethics, please contact : ethique@technoscience.ca

What type of project requires ethics approval?

Almost all experimental projects will require ethics approval. Any project that involves use of humans (**including surveys**), animals, plants, micro-organisms, tissues, biological materials, other chemicals should undergo an ethics review.

There is a **deadline** for ethics approval to submit **projects, with participation of human subjects or use of biological material of human origin: February 1, 2022.**

As soon as a project is approved by the Ethics Committee, the Réseau Technoscience Provincial Ethics Committee will send the participants the **Certificate of Approval** and the **Free and Individual Consent Form** to use." Also see: <https://technoscience.ca/en/expo-sciences/tools-and-rules/forms/>

6. Grade classification

The following website contains the age classifications:

<https://technoscience.ca/en/expo-sciences/tools-and-rules/classification-categories-and-types/>

7. Project Categories

For MRSTF 2022, the Study category will be accepted.

Please note that an exceptional study project is one which involves “Applied Research”. In other words, the project is designed to solve practical problems rather than to simply acquire knowledge about a known topic. An exceptional project is not only the understanding of a phenomenon but, more importantly, improving on the situation. This is different from “Basic Research” which it does not expand on what is known about a topic.

More information on Project Categories:

<https://technoscience.ca/en/expo-sciences/tools-and-rules/classification-categories-and-types/>

5. Upper Level Fairs:

EVENT	DATES	FORMAT
Super-Expo Science (Provincial Science Fair)	April 20 – 24, 2022	Virtual Event. Click for more details
Canada-Wide Science Fair	May 16 – 20, 2022	Virtual Event Click for more details
Regeneron ISEF (International Science Fair)	May 8 – 13, 2022	Hybrid Event Our type of participation (virtual or in-person) will be determined closer to the event. Click for more details

6. New website for *Exposciences*:

<https://technoscience.ca/en/expo-sciences/all-about-the-science-fairs/what-is-a-sciences-fair/>

2. Who to contact with questions:

mrstfcoordinator@sciencetech.ca for questions related to the 2021 MRSTF competition

mrstfchiefjudge@sciencetech.ca for questions relates to the rules and ethics

raffaaf@sciencetech.ca for questions about ISEF (International Science Fair)

Christie@sciencetech.ca for general questions