

2023 MRSTF Important Info

Please consult both the technoscience.ca and sciencetech.ca (which will be updated) websites for all the details regarding the 2023 MRSTF competition.

1. Event Format, COVID and Public Health Guidelines for MRSTF 2023

- The 2023 MRSTF is being planned as a hybrid event:
 - o Sunday, March 26th: In person (set-up, opening ceremonies, public viewing)
 - o Monday, March 27th: In-person or Virtual (Judging Day. Judging may take place on Zoom from either the student's home or the student's own school).
 - o Tuesday, March 28th: In person (youth citizens conference, public viewing, student activities, and Awards Ceremony)
- Though it is hoped that the event will be all in-person it is possible that the provincial authorities will require the judging to be done on Zoom. We will confirm closer to the event based on the requirements we are mandated to follow.
- The in-person portions of the event will take place at:
 - o Laval Senior Academy:
 - o 3200 Bd du Souvenir O, Laval, Quebec H7V 1W9
- We will follow the covid and proof of vaccination in place at the time of the event. Currently this would mean:
 - o If a student has covid symptoms, they must test before attending
 - o If they have symptoms and are negative, they will have to wear a mask

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. **VERY IMPORTANT - Ethics Approval Process**

It is important to check and see if your project requires ethics approval as seen in section 5 & 6 of the 2022/2023 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. Please complete the survey or email technoscience for additional questions.

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, 2023.**

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 2023, the Study category will continue to 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 2023 (To be confirmed)	Hybrid Event – judging online, activities in person Click for more details
Canada-Wide Science Fair	May 14 – 19, 2023	Edmonton, Alberta Click for more details
Regeneron ISEF (International Science Fair)	May 13 – 19, 2023	In person, Dallas Texas 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 2023 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