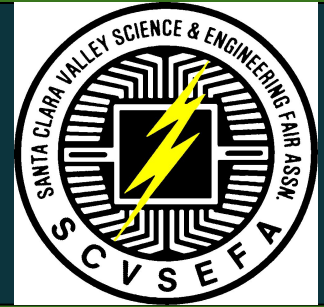


About the Synopsis Championship



- ❑ March 12-13, 2025
- ❑ In-Person, if current conditions continue
- ❑ Applications Open: Sept 30, 2024
- ❑ Pre-approval deadline: Nov 13, 2024
- ❑ Final application deadline: Jan 10, 2025
- ❑ Visit www.science-fair.org





Synopsys Silicon Valley Science and Technology Championship

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Thermo Fisher Scientific
**Junior Innovators
Challenge**

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Step 1: Application

Online application folder must contain:

- **Required Forms** (must be uploaded in PDF format)
- **Signature** dates **MUST** be before experimentation begin date (This date is noted on your Student Checklist 1A Line Item #7)
- **Sponsoring Teacher:** Who can sponsor?
- **Project Procedures**
- **Projects with potential risks must have SRC/IRB pre-approval.** Deadline for pre-approval is Nov 13, 2024. Do I need pre-approval?
- **Payment or Voucher Code is needed to complete the application process** (Admins CANNOT process an application unless it has been paid)

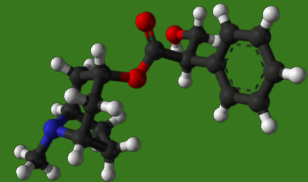
Advantages of Participating

- **DISCOVERY!**
- **Learning from Mentors and Judges**
- **Various Cash prizes up to \$1000**
- **Students can qualify for:**
 - ◆ **California State Science Fair (grades 6-12)**
 - ◆ **Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge (grades 6-8)**
 - ◆ **Trip to Regeneron International Science & Engineering Fair (grades 9 - 12)**
- **NASA opportunities**
- **Sponsored Awards from a variety of organizations**



Types of Projects

- Engineering, Math and Computer Science
- Product Testing (grades 6-8 only)
- See website/clinic for Engineering
- Visit website for details regarding [Minimum Quality Requirements for Project Types](#)
- See special rules/forms/dates; hazards, vertebrates, humans. (Apps that involve medical or mental health may not be done without a doctor as a supervisor & require pre-approval)



Project Hints & Tips

- Pick something you care about
- Do your background research
- Look for the answer to **Why?** or **How?**
- Find something that matters
 - ◆ To developing countries
 - ◆ To disabled people
 - ◆ To the environment
- The “inherently cool”
- Use a notebook
- Analyze your findings



Stay Away From

- Pouring Coke on things, plants in Miracle-Gro
- Testing different colors of light on plants
- Anything that starts with “I want to find out what happens when...”
- No expression of tau and similar proteins
- No culturing anything at home in Petri dishes
- For more No-No's see our [Discouraged Projects](#) page on our website

NEED MORE IDEAS?



- Use a scientist's unfinished work
- Use Google and Google Scholar
- Use what you know
 - ◆ Your hobbies
 - ◆ Things that bug you
 - ◆ The Sponsored Awards
 - ◆ The news
 - ◆ Look for unique measuring devices (UV meter)

Example of a real “science fair project”

[Bare Zones](#)

Why is there a strip of bare dirt between the chaparral and grassy areas of Mt Diablo? Is it a complicated plant warfare? Or something much simpler?

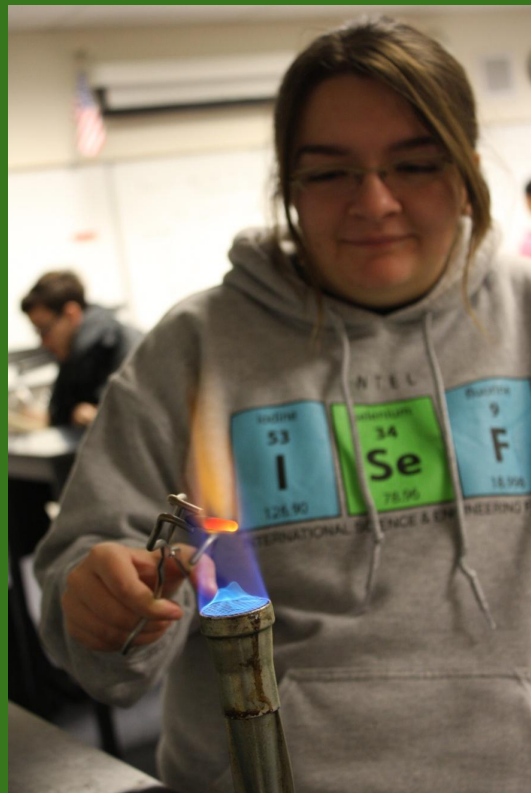
SUCCESS

- Take as much data as possible
 - ◆ Many samples
 - ◆ Repeated trials
 - ◆ Various conditions
- Analyze the data
- Be enthusiastic when presenting
- Safety FIRST!
- Parents: Know your place
- Go beyond if using Science Buddies



APPLYING

- **Be clear**
 - ◆ **Include safety information**
 - ◆ **Use metric**
 - ◆ **Know your variables**
 - ◆ **Check for all the forms your project requires**
 - ◆ **Signatures**
 - ◆ **Bibliography**



IMPORTANT WEBSITES

- www.science-fair.org
- www.sciencebuddies.org
- <https://www.societyforscience.org/isef/>
- <https://www.discoveryeducation.com/>
- <http://ei.cornell.edu/student/>

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We hope this is the beginning of great things to come!

