

Registration and Forms Order of Operations

The first few steps for a successful science project:

1. Download & have a parent or guardian sign the University of Colorado Participant Waiver. You can't participate without it!
 - a. [Click here to download waiver form](#) (PDF)
2. Formulate a scientific or engineering question/hypothesis.
3. Develop a research plan/project summary on how you are going to carry out your experiment (this will advise your answers on the first few forms, 1, 1A, and 1B).
4. Now that you have your project in mind, please read the ISEF rules and guidelines as they relate to your project, i.e. if you are using human participants, pay special attention to the Human Consent form.
 - a. [Please use the rules wizard!](#)
 - b. Please print and review the forms.
5. Student – Complete Form 1A/Student Checklist to the best of your knowledge. This form may be an ongoing process. (Only 1 per project required)
 - a. Pay special attention to question #5. You may need to come back to this question after filling out Form 1. Prior approval by an SRC/IRB is required if humans, vertebrate animals, or potentially hazardous biological agents are used in your project.
 - i. Question #7 – make sure your experimentation start date occurs after the SRC/IRB approval date if required for your project.
 - b. Question #9 – Use complete addresses (even if it doesn't have an actual address, please put the closest address available.)
6. Student and Parent, please fill out Form 1B, making sure to include all signatures that your project requires.
 - a. Please note: Question #1 – Student & Parent signatures **must be** prior to experimentation.
 - b. Question 2 – If you have determined you need SRC/IRB approval, the signatures also need to be prior to experimentation.
 - c. Question 3 – DMSERF staff will complete this section. Please leave blank. This allows you to move forward to the next competition.
7. Adult Sponsor needs to complete Checklist for Adult Sponsor/Form 1
 - a. Use the answers from Form 1A and student research plan.