

# Checklist for Adult Sponsor (1)

This completed form is required for ALL projects.

This doc must be filled out & signed **BEFORE** the student begins experimentation.

To be completed by the Adult Sponsor in collaboration with the student researcher(s):

Student's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

1. ☐ I have reviewed the ISEF Rules and Guidelines, including the science fair ethics statement.
2. ☐ I have reviewed the student's completed Student Checklist (1A) and Research Plan/Project Summary.
3. ☐ I have worked with the student and we have discussed the possible risks involved in the project.
4. ☐ The project involves one or more of the following and requires prior approval by an SRC, IRB, IACUC or IBC:  

|                                             |                                                                                                        |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Humans             | <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Hazardous Biological Agents                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vertebrate Animals | <input type="checkbox"/> Microorganisms <input type="checkbox"/> rDNA <input type="checkbox"/> Tissues |
5. ☐ Items to be completed for **ALL PROJECTS**  

|                                                                                                                                      |                                                        |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Sponsor Checklist (1)                                                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Research Plan/Project Summary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student Checklist (1A)                                                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Approval Form (1B)            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regulated Research Institutional/Industrial Setting Form (1C) (when applicable; after completed experiment) |                                                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation/Research Progression Form (7) (when applicable)                                                |                                                        |

**Additional forms required if the project includes the use of one or more of the following** (check all that apply):

- ☐ **Humans**, including student designed inventions/prototypes. (Requires prior approval by an Institutional Review Board (IRB); see full text of the rules.)
  - ☐ Human Participants Form (4) or appropriate Institutional IRB documentation
  - ☐ Sample of Informed Consent Form (when applicable and/or required by the IRB)
  - ☐ Qualified Scientist Form (2) (when applicable and/or required by the IRB)
- ☐ **Vertebrate Animals** (Requires prior approval, see full text of the rules.)
  - ☐ Vertebrate Animal Form (5A) -for projects conducted in a school/home/field research site (SRC prior approval required)
  - ☐ Vertebrate Animal Form (5B) -for projects conducted at a Regulated Research Institution. (Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) approval required prior experimentation.)
  - ☐ Qualified Scientist Form (2) (Required for all vertebrate animal projects at a regulated research site or when applicable)
- ☐ **Potentially Hazardous Biological Agents** (Requires prior approval by SRC, IACUC or IBC, see full text of the rules.)
  - ☐ Potentially Hazardous Biological Agents Risk Assessment Form (6A)
  - ☐ Human and Vertebrate Animal Tissue Form (6B) - to be completed in addition to Form 6A when project involves the use of fresh or frozen tissue, primary cell cultures, blood, blood products and body fluids.
  - ☐ Qualified Scientist Form (2) (when applicable)
  - ☐ The following are exempt from prior review but require a Risk Assessment Form 3: projects involving protists, archae and similar microorganisms, for projects using manure for composting, fuel production or other non-culturing experiments, projects using color change coliform water test kits, microbial fuel cells, and projects involving decomposing vertebrate organisms.
- ☐ **Hazardous Chemicals, Activities and Devices** (No SRC prior approval required, see full text of the rules.)
  - ☐ Risk Assessment Form (3)
  - ☐ Qualified Scientist Form (2) (required for projects involving DEA-controlled substances or when applicable)
- ☐ **Other**
  - ☐ Risk Assessment Form (3)
- ☐ I attest to the information provided and that I have read and agree to abide by the science fair rules and regulations.

The checked boxes should match the documents for your project.

This is the Science teacher NOT the parent or mentor.

This must be dated **BEFORE** the "Actual Start Date" on Form 1A.

Adult Sponsor's Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Review (mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

# Student Checklist (1A)

This form is required for ALL projects.

1. a. Student/Team Leader: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Team Member: \_\_\_\_\_ c. Team Member: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Title of Project: \_\_\_\_\_

3. School: \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

(if multiple schools, list of the team leader or list)

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Adult Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Does this project need SRC/IRB/IACUC or other pre-approval? ☐ Yes ☐ No Tentative ☐

6. Is this a continuation/progression from a previous year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

a. If yes, attach the previous year's project and ☐ Research Plan/Project Summary

b. Explain how this project is different from previous years

☐ Continuation/Research Progression Form ☐ New Project

7. This year's experimentation/data collection (start and end dates):

Actual Start Date: (mm/dd/yy)

End Date: (mm/dd/yy)

8. Where will you conduct your experimentation? (check all that apply)

☐ Research Institution ☐ School ☐ Field ☐ Home ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Source of Data: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Collected self ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_ List all URL(s) in Research Plan: \_\_\_\_\_

10. List the name and address of all school and non-school work site(s), whether you worked there

virtually or on-site

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/email \_\_\_\_\_

11. Complete a Research Plan/Project Summary following the Research Plan/Project Summary Instructions and attach to this form.

12. An abstract is required for all projects after experimentation.

This should be the teacher.

This should be based on Form 1 responses.

This should be the date that the student started collecting data, after approvals.

If the student has continued his/her project, their paperwork (except Form 7) should focus on the work from the current project cycle.

A Form 1C is required for a mentor, even if virtual. The rules wizard will only add this if you select research institution or industry setting (place of business).

If you used data from a website. The url goes here.

# Research Plan/Project Summary Instructions

**A complete Research Plan/Project Summary is required for ALL projects and must accompany Student Checklist (1A).**

1. The Research Plan is to be written prior to experimentation following the instructions below to detail the rationale, research question(s), methodology, and risk assessment of the proposed research.
2. If changes are made during the research prior to competing in an affiliated fair, such changes can be added to the original research plan as an addendum, recognizing that some changes may require returning to the IRB or SRC for appropriate review and approvals. If no additional approvals are required, this addendum serves as a project summary to explain research that was conducted.
3. If no changes are made from the original research plan, no project summary is required.
  - Some studies, such as an engineering design or mathematics projects, will be less detailed in the initial project plan and will change through the course of research. If such changes occur, a project summary that explains what was done is required and can be appended to the original research plan.
  - The Research Plan/Project Summary should include the following:
    - a. **RATIONALE:** Include a brief synopsis of the background that supports your research problem and explain why this research is important and if applicable, explain any societal impact of your research.
    - b. **RESEARCH QUESTION(S), HYPOTHESIS(ES), ENGINEERING GOAL(S), EXPECTED OUTCOMES:** How is this based on the rationale described above?
    - c. Describe the following in detail:
      - **List of materials:**
      - **Procedures:** Detail all procedures and experimental design including list of materials, methods for data collection, and when applicable, the source of data used. Describe your project delineating what you will do and what will be done by your mentor.
      - **Risk and Safety:** Identify any potential risks and safety precautions.
      - **Data Analysis:** Describe the procedures you will use to analyze your data.
    - d. **BIBLIOGRAPHY:** List major references (e.g. science journal articles, books, etc.) and provide a literature review. If you plan to use vertebrate animals, include a reference.

Items 1-4 below are subject-specific guidelines for additional items to be included in the Research Plan/Project Summary, if applicable.

## 1. Human participants research:

- a. **Participants:** Describe age range, gender, racial/ethnic composition of participants. Do not include pregnant women, prisoners, mentally disabled or economically disadvantaged individuals.
- b. **Recruitment:** Where will you find your participants? How will they be informed of the study?
- c. **Methods:** What will participants be asked to do? Will you use any surveys or questionnaires? Did it require permissions? If so, explain. What is the frequency of data collection?
- d. **Risk Assessment:** What are the risks or potential discomforts (physical or psychological) to participants? How will you minimize risks? List any benefits to society or the environment.
- e. **Protection of Privacy:** Will identifiable information (e.g., names, telephone numbers, addresses, etc.) be collected? Will data be confidential/anonymized? If anonymous, describe how the data will be protected. Are there any safeguards in place for safeguarding confidentiality? Where will data be stored and how long will the data be stored after the study?
- f. **Informed Consent Process:** Describe how you will inform participants of the study, that their participation is voluntary and they have the right to stop at any time.

## 2. Vertebrate animal research:

- a. Discuss potential ALTERNATIVES to vertebrate animal use and present them to the SRC.
- b. Explain potential impact or contribution of this research.
- c. Detail all procedures to be used, including methods used to minimize pain to the animals and detailed chemical concentrations and drug dosages.
- d. Detail animal numbers, species, strain, sex, age, source, etc., in the study.
- e. Describe housing and oversight of daily care.
- f. Discuss disposition of the animals at the end of the study.

## 3. Potentially hazardous biological agents research:

- a. Give source of the organism and describe BSL assessment process and containment.
- b. Detail safety precautions and discuss methods of disposal.

## 4. Hazardous chemicals, activities & devices:

- a. Describe Risk Assessment process, supervision, safety precautions and specific methods of disposal.
- b. Safety Data Sheets are not necessary to submit with paperwork.

The research plan is the most important document because it provides the regional SRC board the necessary details of the planned research.

This detailed description of the research guides the Scientific Review Committee (SRC) to be able to determine if the proper forms were completed and if they contain the correct information.

It must be VERY detailed and clearly delineate the role of the student vs. the role of the mentor. Use the provided Research Plan template and save it as a PDF.

The entire Research Plan must be in FUTURE tense!!

It must include proposed and actual start and end dates.

It must include a detailed research plan.

It must have all work site information completed.

It must identify student and mentor role.

It must include any use of AI in the procedure, and AI use must be cited.

# Approval Form (1B)

A completed form is required for each student, including all team members.

Every student needs their own Form 1B (including teams).

## 1. To Be Completed by Student and Parent

### a. Student Acknowledgment:

- I understand the risks and possible dangers to me of the proposed research plan.
- I have read the ISEF Rules and Guidelines and will adhere to all International Rules when conducting this research.
- I have read and agree to uphold all aspects of the student researcher ethics statement.

Student researchers are expected to maintain the highest standards of honesty and integrity. Scientific misconduct are not condoned at any level of research or competition. Such practices include but are not limited to plagiarism, forgery, use or presentation of other researcher's work as one's own, and fabrication of data. Projects that fail to qualify for competition in affiliated fairs and ISEF.

Student's Printed Name

Signature

Date Acknowledged

(Must be prior to experimentation.)

### b. Parent/Guardian Approval: I have read and understand the risks and possible dangers of the Research Plan/Project Summary. I consent to my child participating in this research.

Parent/Guardian's Printed Name

Signature

Date Acknowledged (mm/dd/yy)

(Must be prior to experimentation.)

## 2. To be completed by the local or affiliated Fair SRC

(Required for projects requiring prior SRC/IRB approval. Sign 2a or 2b as appropriate.)

### a. Required for projects that need prior SRC/IRB approval BEFORE experimentation (humans, vertebrate animals, or potentially hazardous biological agents).

The SRC/IRB has carefully studied the Research Plan/Project Summary and all the information included. My signature indicates approval of the Research Plan/Project Summary before the student begins experimentation.

SRC/IRB Chair's Printed Name

Signature

Date of Approval (mm/dd/yy)  
(Must be prior to experimentation.)

OR

### b. Required for research conducted at all Regulated Research Institutions with no prior fair SRC approval.

This project was conducted at a regulated research institution (not home or high school, etc.), was approved by the proper institutional body, and complies with the ISEF Rules and Guidelines. Institutional approvals (e.g., IACUC, IRB, etc.) are required.

SRC Chair's Printed Name

Signature

Date of Signature (mm/dd/yy)  
(May be after experimentation)

## 3. Final ISEF Affiliated Fair SRC Approval (Required for ALL Projects)

### SRC Approval After Experimentation and Before Competition at Regional/State/National Fair

I certify that this project adheres to the approved Research Plan/Project Summary and complies with all ISEF Rules.

Regional SRC Chair's Printed Name

Date of Approval (mm/dd/yy)

State/National SRC Chair's Printed Name  
(where applicable)

Date of Approval (mm/dd/yy)

Do NOT  
write anything  
in this space. The  
regional and/or  
state SRC signs  
here.

# Regulated Research Institutional/Industrial Setting Form (1C)

This form must be completed **AFTER** experimentation by the adult supervising the student research either virtually or on site, conducted in a regulated research institution, industrial setting or any work site other than home, school or field.

Student's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Project \_\_\_\_\_

## To be completed by the Supervising Adult in the Setting (NOT a parent)

(Responses must be on the form as it is required to be displayed at student's work site)

Research was supported at my work site:

1. The student experience at your work site included:
  - Used equipment and/or received data
  - Minimal interaction with our group
  - Mentored by me or someone else from our group
  - Worked as a sub-set of our ongoing research
  - Had an independent project from our group
2. Please describe the independent and/or creative work done by the student, but particularly in developing the hypotheses or engineering design.

3. Detail the student's role in conducting the research (e.g. data collection, analysis, etc.). Differentiate what the student observed and the student acted upon.

4. Provide details regarding data provided to the student:

5. Did the student(s) work on the project as part of a group? Were there other high school students present? If yes, please describe how the work was related or different from the work of this project.

6. If this project is under a grant and needs to be funded, please list the grant statement here.

If any of the research was done at a standard **research facility** (college, pharmaceutical company, environmental testing facility, etc.), a facility where advanced research is allowed (certain high schools or local labs), or an **industry setting or other place of business**, the 1C form is required.

If the student **worked with a mentor** (virtual or on-site) other than the science teacher, the 1C Form is required.

If the student worked at a **business**, the 1C Form is required.

If the project is to be a data analysis only and the data is publicly available, then a Form 1C is not needed unless the student received mentor support.

If data is covered by privacy rules/laws (ex. Patient data) or from a private source (ex. Proprietary data), then the student must show documentation of how the data became available and how/why they were allowed to view it and study it. The best thing to do is have the mentor attach to this form a short letter on their letterhead explaining that there were no HIPAA violations. This is even if the data was de-identified.

This should be the **Mentor or Business Manager** (industry site).

This must be dated **AFTER** the "End Date" on Form 1A.

I attest that the student has completed the research as indicated above and that any required review and approval by institutional regulatory board (IRB/IACUC) has been obtained. Copies are attached if applicable. I further acknowledge that the student will be presenting the research in competition and I have communicated with the student research requirements for my review and approval of what is publicized.

Direct Supervisor's Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed (must be after experimentation) (mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_\_

Education/Experience/Training \_\_\_\_\_

Email/Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## Qualified Scientist Form (2)

May be required for research involving human participants, vertebrate animals, potentially hazardous biological agents, and hazardous substances and devices. Must be completed and signed before the start of student experimentation.

Student's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Title of Project \_\_\_\_\_

When required, this doc must be filled out & signed **BEFORE** the student begins experimentation.

### To be completed by the Qualified Scientist:

Scientist Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Educational Background: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Experience/Training as relates to the student's area of research: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Email/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

- |                                                                                                                              |                              |                             |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Have you reviewed the ISEF rules relevant to this project and the science fair ethics statement relevant to this project? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 2. Will any of the following be used?                                                                                        |                              |                             |
| a. Human participants                                                                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| b. Animals                                                                                                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| c. Potentially hazardous biological agents (microorganisms, rDNA and tissues, including blood and blood products)            | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| d. Hazardous substances and devices                                                                                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 3. Will this study be a sub-set of a larger study?                                                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 4. Will you directly supervise the student?                                                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 5. Did you provide any data; if yes, please provide source or describe                                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

### To be completed by the Qualified Scientist:

I certify that I have reviewed and approved the Research Plan/Project Summary prior to the start of the experimentation. If the student or Direct Supervisor is not trained in the necessary procedures, I will ensure her/his training. I will provide advice and supervision during the research. I have a working knowledge of the techniques to be used by the student in the Research Plan/Project Summary.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Qualified Scientist's Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Approval (mm/dd/yy)

This must be dated **BEFORE** the "Actual Start Date" on Form 1A.

### To be completed by the Direct Supervisor when the Qualified Scientist cannot directly supervise.

I certify that I have reviewed and approved the Research Plan/Project Summary prior to the start of the experimentation. I have a working knowledge of the techniques to be used by the student, and I will provide advice and supervision during the research.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Direct Supervisor's Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Experience/Training of Designated Supervisor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Approval (mm/dd/yy)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
email

If needed, this must be dated **BEFORE** the "Actual Start Date" on Form 1A.

## Risk Assessment Form (3)

**Must be completed before experimentation; recommended for all projects. May be required for projects involving Human Participants, Hazardous Chemicals, Materials or Devices or Potentially Hazardous Biological Agents.**

When required, this doc must be filled out & signed **BEFORE** the student begins experimentation.

Student's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Project \_\_\_\_\_

**To be completed by the Student Researcher(s) in collaboration with Direct Supervisor/Qualified Scientist:** (All questions must be answered; additional page(s) may be attached.)

1. Identify and assess the risks and hazards involved in this project.
2. a) List all hazardous chemicals, activities or devices to be used; b) identify and list all microorganisms to be used that are exempt from pre-approval (see Potentially Hazardous Biological Agent rules).
3. Describe the safety precautions and procedures that will be used to reduce the risks. If you conducted field work, include permits received and safety plans, as applicable.
4. Describe the specific disposal procedures that will be used (when applicable).
5. List the source(s) of safety information.

**To be completed and signed by the Direct Supervisor (or Qualified Scientist, when applicable):**

I agree with the risk assessment and safety precautions and procedures described above. I certify that I have read the Student's Research Plan/Project Summary and the International Rules, including the science fair ethics statement and the student's statement of direct supervision.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Direct Supervisor's Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Review (mm/dd/yy)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Experience/Training as relates to the student's area of research

\_\_\_\_\_  
Position/Institution

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone or email contact information

This must be dated **BEFORE** the "Actual Start Date" on Form 1A.

## Human Participants Form (4)

Required for all research involving human participants not at a Regulated Research Institution.  
If at a Regulated Research Institution, use Institutional approval forms for documentation of prior review and approval. (IRB approval required before recruitment or data collection.)

Student's Name(s)

Title of Project

Adult Sponsor

Phone/Email

**MUST BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT RESEARCHER, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE ADULT SPONSOR, DIRECT SUPERVISOR, OR QUALIFIED SCIENTIST:**

- ☐ I have submitted my Research Plan/Project Summary which addresses ALL areas indicated in the Research Plan/Project Summary Instructions.
- ☐ I have attached any surveys or questionnaires I will be using in my project or other documents.  
☐ Any published instrument(s) used was/were legally obtained.
- ☐ I have attached an informed consent that I would use if required by the IRB.
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Are you working with a Qualified Scientist? If yes, attach the Qualified Scientist's signature.

When required, this doc must be filled out & signed **BEFORE** the student begins experimentation.

Even though your school IRB may have given approval, the study must conform to all ISEF regulations.

### BELOW – IRB USE ONLY

**MUST** be completed by Institutional Review Board (IRB) after research is approved. (If not approved, return paperwork to the student with IRB decision.)

- ☐ Approved with Full Committee Review (3 signatures required):
- Risk Level (check one):
    - ☐ Minimal
    - ☐ Moderate
    - ☐ High
  - Qualified Scientist (QS) Required (Form 2):☐ Yes ☐ No
  - Risk Assessment Required (Form 3):☐ Yes ☐ No
  - Written Minor Assent and written parental permission required for participants:☐ Yes ☐ No
  - Written Informed Consent required for participants:☐ Yes ☐ No
  - Facility for "protected groups" used, written approval required:☐ Yes ☐ No

**IRB SIGNATURES (All 3 signatures required)** None of the signatories shall be the student, the student's parent, or related to (e.g., mother, father of) the student.

I attest that I have reviewed the student's project, that I have approved the project, and that I agree with the decisions above.

Medical or Mental Health Professional (a psychologist, medical professional, physician's assistant, doctor of pharmacy, or registered nurse) with expertise related to this project.

|                  |                                 |       |
|------------------|---------------------------------|-------|
| Print Name below | Degree/Professional License     |       |
| Signature        | Date (prior to experimentation) | Email |

**Educator**

|                  |                                 |  |
|------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Print Name below | Degree/Professional License     |  |
| Signature        | Date (prior to experimentation) |  |

**School Administrator**

|                  |                                 |       |
|------------------|---------------------------------|-------|
| Print Name below | Degree/Professional License     |       |
| Signature        | Date (prior to experimentation) | Email |

This form is to be filled out by the SCHOOL or DISTRICT IRB. Be sure that your school IRB is aware of the rules and limitations of student research projects.

NEW for 2026: #4 - any projects involving human participants who are minors require written parental consent; #6 is new and requires proof of approval to work at facilities of protected groups such as nursing homes or preschools. This approval document needs to be uploaded as an additional file and provided to the IRB to review.

For more information and the full list of rules:

<https://www.societyforscience.org/isef/international-rules/human-participants/>

This must be dated **BEFORE** the "Actual Start Date" on Form 1A.

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The teacher, mentor, parent or relative of the student can NOT sign this form to avoid a conflict of interest.

# Human Informed Consent Form

**Instructions to the Student Researcher(s):** An informed consent/assent/permission form should be developed in consultation with the Adult Sponsor, Direct Supervisor or Qualified Scientist.

This form is used to provide information to the research participant (or parent/guardian) and to document written informed consent, minor assent, and/or parental permission.

- When written documentation is required, the researcher keeps the original, signed form.
- Students may use this sample form or may copy ALL elements of it into a new document.

If the form is serving to document parental permission, a copy of any survey or questionnaire must be attached.

Student Researcher(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Project: \_\_\_\_\_

I am asking for your voluntary participation in my science fair project. Please read the following information about the project. If you would like to participate, please sign in the appropriate area.

Purpose of the project:

If you participate, you will be asked to:

Time required for participation:

Potential Risks of Study:

Benefits:

How confidentiality will be maintained:

If you have any questions about this study, feel free to contact:

Adult Sponsor/QS/DS: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Voluntary Participation:

Participation in this study is completely voluntary. If you decide not to participate there will not be negative consequences. Please be aware that if you decide to participate, you may stop participating at any time and you may decide not to answer any specific question.

By signing this form I am attesting that I have read and understand the information above and I freely give my consent/assent to participate or permission for my child to participate.

## Adult Informed Consent or Minor Assent

Date Reviewed & Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(mm/dd/yy)

Research Participant Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Parental/Guardian Permission (if applicable)

Date Reviewed & Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(mm/dd/yy)

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

This is just an example of a consent form.  
You MUST submit a copy of whatever consent form will be used any ALL survey questions. If the survey will be done online, submit a copy of all of the consent questions as a part of that survey.

## Vertebrate Animal Form (5A)

Required for all research involving vertebrate animals that is conducted in a school/home/field research site.  
(SRC approval required before experimentation.)

Student's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Project \_\_\_\_\_

When required, this doc must be filled out & signed **BEFORE** the student begins experimentation.

### To be completed by Student Researcher:

1. Common name (or Genus, species) and number of animals used.
2. Describe completely the housing and husbandry to be provided. Include the cage/pen size, number of animals per cage, environment, bedding, type of food, frequency of food and water, how often animal is observed, etc. Add an additional page as necessary.
3. What will happen to the animals after experimentation?
4. Attach a copy of wildlife licenses or approval forms, as applicable
5. The ISEF Vertebrate Animal Rules require that any death, illness or unexpected weight loss be investigated and documented by a letter from the qualified scientist, direct supervisor or a veterinarian. If applicable, attach this letter with this form when submitting your paperwork to the SRC prior to competition.

### To be completed by Local or Affiliate Fair Scientific Review Committee (SRC) BEFORE experimentation.

#### Level of Supervision Required for agricultural, behavioral or nutritional studies (select one):

- ☐ Direct Supervisor REQUIRED. Please have applicable person sign below.
- ☐ Veterinarian and Direct Supervisor REQUIRED. Please have applicable persons sign below.
- ☐ Veterinarian, Direct Supervisor and Qualified Scientist REQUIRED. Please have applicable persons sign below. If the Qualified Scientist complete Form (2).

The SRC has carefully reviewed this study and finds it is an appropriate study that may be conducted in a non-research site.

#### Local or Affiliate Fair SRC Pre-Approval Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_  
SRC Chair Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Approval (must be prior to experimentation) (mm/dd/yy)

This must be dated **BEFORE** the "Actual Start Date" on Form 1A.

### To be completed by Veterinarian:

- ☐ I have reviewed this research and animal husbandry with the student before the start of experimentation.
- ☐ I have approved the use and dosages of prescription drugs and/or nutritional supplements.
- ☐ I will provide veterinary medical and nursing care in case of illness or emergency. (Fees may apply.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

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Email/Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Approval (mm/dd/yy)

This must be dated **BEFORE** the "Actual Start Date" on Form 1A.

### To be completed by Direct Supervisor or Qualified Scientist when applicable:

- ☐ I have reviewed this research and animal husbandry with the student before the start of experimentation and accept primary responsibility for the care and handling of the animals in this project.
- ☐ I will directly supervise the experiment.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email/Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Approval (mm/dd/yy)

When needed, this must be dated **BEFORE** the "Actual Start Date" on Form 1A.

## Vertebrate Animal Form (5B)

Required for all research involving vertebrate animals that is conducted in at a Regulated Research Institution (IACUC approval required before experimentation. Form must be completed and signed by a Qualified Scientist or Principal Investigator.)

When required, this doc must be filled out & signed **BEFORE** the student begins experimentation.

Student's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Project \_\_\_\_\_

Title and Protocol Number of IACUC Approved Project \_\_\_\_\_

**To be completed by Qualified Scientist or Principal Investigator**

1. Species of animals used: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of animals used: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Describe, in detail, the role of the student in this project: animal procedures and related equipment that were involved, oversight provided and safety precautions employed. (Attach extra pages if necessary.)

3. Was there any weight loss or death of any animal? If yes, attach a letter obtained from the qualified scientist, direct supervisor or a veterinarian documenting the situation and the results of the investigation.

4. Did the student's project also involve the use of tissues?

- ☐ No  
☐ Yes; complete Forms 6A and 6B

5. What laboratory training, including dates, was provided to the student?

6. **Attach a copy of the Regulated Research Institution IACUC Approval.** A letter from the Qualified Scientist or Principal Investigator is not sufficient.

**Qualified Scientist/Principal Investigator**

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date (mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_\_

This must be dated **AFTER** the "End Date" on Form 1A.

# Potentially Hazardous Biological Agents Risk Assessment Form (6A)

Required for research involving microorganisms, rDNA, fresh/frozen tissue (including primary cell lines, human and other primate established cell lines and tissue cultures), blood, blood products and body fluids.  
SRC/IACUC/IBC approval required before experimentation.

Student's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Project \_\_\_\_\_

To be completed by the QUALIFIED SCIENTIST/DIRECT SUPERVISOR in collaboration with the student.  
All questions are applicable and must be answered; additional page(s) may be attached.

## SECTION 1: PROJECT ASSESSMENT

1. Identify potentially hazardous biological agents to be used in this experiment. Include the strain, source, quantity and the biosafety level risk group of each microorganism.
2. Describe the biosafety level of the experimentation site.
3. Describe the procedures that will be used to minimize risk (personal protective equipment, safety cabinet type, etc.).
4. Describe the method of disposal of all cultured materials and other potentially hazardous biological agents. If BSL-2 laboratory, not at an RRI, include the [BSL-2 checklist](#)

## SECTION 2: TRAINING

1. What training will the student receive for this project?
2. Experience/training of Direct Supervisor as it relates to the student's area of research (if applicable).

## SECTION 3: For ALL CELL LINES, MICROORGANISMS AND TISSUES – To be completed by the QUALIFIED SCIENTIST or Direct Supervisor - Check the appropriate box(es) below:

- ☐ Experimentation on the microorganisms/cell lines/tissues to be used in this study will NOT be conducted at a Regulated Research Institution, but will be conducted at a (check one) ☐ BSL-1 or ☐ BSL-2 laboratory (include a copy of the [checklist for BSL-2](#). [This study has been reviewed by the local SRC and the procedures have been approved prior to experimentation.]
- ☐ This project involves the culturing of Multi Drug Resistant Organisms (MDROs). It has been conducted in a BSL-2 or higher lab at a Regulated Research Institution and the required IBC pre-approval is attached.  
Date of IBC approval \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Experimentation on the microorganisms/cell lines/tissues to be used in this study will be conducted at a Regulated Research Institution and was approved by the appropriate institutional review board prior to experimentation; institutional approval forms are attached.  
Origin of cell lines: \_\_\_\_\_ IBC approval \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Experimentation on the microorganisms/cell lines/tissues to be used in this study will be conducted at a Regulated Research Institution which does not require IBC, IACUC or IBC approval prior to experimentation.

## CERTIFICATION – To be SIGNED by the QUALIFIED SCIENTIST or Direct Supervisor

The QS/DS has seen this project's research plan, methods, and documentation and acknowledges the accuracy of the information provided above. This study has been approved by the local SRC for a (check one) ☐ BSL-1/ ☐ BSL-2 study, and will be conducted at a Regulated Research Institution appropriate laboratory.

QS/DS Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date of review (mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_\_

When required, this doc must be filled out & signed **BEFORE** the student begins experimentation.

Local SRC signature is no longer required on Form 6A. However the local SRC must review this form and the research plan prior to signing Form 1B, section 2A.

This is the person who monitored the student's experimentation (usually the teacher).

This must be dated **BEFORE** the "Actual Start Date" on Form 1A.

## Human and Vertebrate Animal Tissue Form (6B)

Required for research involving fresh/frozen tissue (including primary cell lines, human and other primate established cell lines and tissue cultures), blood, blood products and body fluids. If the research involves living organisms please ensure that the proper human or animal forms are completed. All projects using any tissue listed above must also complete Form 6A.

Student's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Project \_\_\_\_\_

When required, this doc must be filled out & signed **BEFORE** the student begins experimentation.

### To be completed by Student Researcher(s):

1. What vertebrate animal tissue will be used in this study? Check all that apply.
  - ☐ Fresh or frozen tissue sample
  - ☐ Fresh organ or other body part
  - ☐ Blood
  - ☐ Body fluids
  - ☐ Primary cell/tissue cultures
  - ☐ Human or other primate established cell lines
2. Where will the above tissue(s) be obtained? If using an established cell line include source and catalog number.
3. If the tissue will be obtained from a vertebrate animal study conducted at a research institution attach a copy of the IACUC certification with the name of the research institution, the title of the study, the IACUC approval number and a copy of IACUC approval. If human tissues were used, attach a copy of IRB approval.

### To be completed by the Qualified Scientist or Direct Supervisor:

- ☐ I verify that the student will work solely with de-identified organs, tissues, cultures or cells that will be supplied to him/her by myself or qualified personnel from the laboratory; and that if vertebrate animals were euthanized, they were euthanized for a purpose other than the student's research.
- AND/OR**
- ☐ I certify that the blood, blood products, tissues or body fluids in this project will be handled in accordance with the standards and guidance set forth in U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Act, 29CFR, Subpart Z, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Pathogens.

This must be dated **BEFORE** the "Actual Start Date" on Form 1A.

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Approval (mm/dd/yy)  
(Must be prior to experimentation.)

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Email \_\_\_\_\_

Institution \_\_\_\_\_

# Continuation/Research Progression Projects Form (7)

Required for projects that are a continuation/progression in the same field of study as a previous project. This form must be accompanied by the previous year's abstract and Research Plan/Project Summary.

Student's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

To be completed by Student Researcher: List all components of the current project that make it a continuation of previous research.

When required, this doc must be filled out & signed **BEFORE** the student begins experimentation.

| Components                           | Current Research Project | Previous Research Project: Year: _____ |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 1. Title                             |                          |                                        |
| 2. Change In goal/ purpose/objective |                          |                                        |
| 3. Changes In methodology            |                          |                                        |
| 4. Variable studied                  |                          |                                        |
| 5. Additional changes                |                          |                                        |

Continuation projects **MUST** include this form. For the immediately prior year, researcher **MUST** attach BOTH the prior year's Abstract and Research Plan. For any years farther back, the researcher **MUST** include the Abstract for each additional prior year's work.

A continuation project is one that is built off of work previously performed. Students must show that they are testing a new variable or line of investigation.

**Current Year Projects can only present data collected within a 12 month period and not started prior to January 2025.**

Attached are:

- ☐ Previous year's Abstract and Research Plan/Project Summary, Year \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Previous Form 7s, if applicable.

I hereby certify that the above information is correct and that the current year Abstract & Certification are properly reflected on the board properly reflect work done only in the current year.

Student's Printed Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Signature (mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_\_

This must be dated **BEFORE** the "Actual Start Date" on Form 1A.