



DRSEF Guide for Students

Fair Day February 19, 2022

Scienteer entry deadline February 4, 2022

Preparing for the Fair

The first step towards advancing to the Dallas Regional Science and Engineering Fair is to enter the science fair at your local school as either an individual or as a team of 2 or 3 students. Top projects from school fairs advance to district fairs then top projects from district fairs advance to the regional fair. If you are homeschooled, email us at DRSEF@SMU.edu.

You can begin your background research at any time, but **before you begin your experiment** you need to set up a student account in Scienteer (an online project management system used by science fairs in Texas). Your science teacher will provide you a link to Scienteer. The [Scienteer Student Guide](#) explains this process.

Based on the information you enter in Scienteer, you will be guided to the forms you need to have approved **before you begin your experiment**. Scienteer uses the information you provide to complete forms for your school fair as well as the regional, state and international science fairs. Important forms that must be completed and approved before experimentation begins include:

- 1) Scientific Review Committee (SRC) for projects with vertebrate animals or biological agents
- 2) Institutional Review Board (IRB) for projects with human participants such as surveys

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TBA

Additional Information

Results: Results are posted online in the Dallas Morning News on Sunday and at www.drsef.org.

Awards: Projects placing 1st – 4th in Category Judging receive the following cash prizes.

Junior Division

1st \$175
2nd \$125
3rd \$75
4th \$50

Senior Division

1st \$300
2nd \$200
3rd \$100
4th \$75

Banquets: TBA

Advancing: First, second, and third place from Category judging advance to the [Texas Science and Engineering Fair](#). Some students qualify to enter [Broadcom MASTERS](#) and to attend [Intel International Science and Engineering Fair](#).