

The EBLs Science Fair will be on Monday, February 26, 2018. Our sixth grade winners are invited to compete at the Ritchey Science and Engineering Fair (Ritchey SEF) on Thursday, March 22, 2018.

Ritchey SEF is an Intel-ISEF affiliated fair that also selects sixth graders to apply to compete at the Broadcom MASTERS. As a result, Ritchey SEF has stricter rules than our EBLs Science Fair and requires specific paperwork, oversight, and approvals *prior to experimentation*. Read carefully:

- The initial deadline for forms listed below was **Thursday, December 7, 2017** to allow for approvals prior to Winter Break.
- Registration deadline for sixth graders has been extended to **February 7, 2018 for projects that do not require SRC/IRB committee approval. (No new human or animal studies will be accepted.)**
- Sixth graders may work independently, or **only with other sixth graders**, maximum of 3 in a group.
- Participants should choose a topic carefully and stick with it after the project has been approved.
- **These three forms** from the Intel ISEF website are required **for all projects**:
 - 1) Detailed Research Plan and Student Checklist (1A) — *one per project*
 - 2) Approval Form (1B) **signed by a parent/guardian** — *one for each student on a project*
 - 3) With Adult Sponsor, Checklist for Adult Sponsor (1) — *one per project*
- Forms may be found at: <http://student.societyforscience.org/intel-isef-forms>
- The research plan (*including written hypothesis, experimental procedures, etc.*) and all required forms for all projects must be submitted and **approved before any experimentation begins**.
- **Registration is now closed for projects involving human or vertebrate animal subjects, hazardous chemicals and potentially hazardous biological agents (micro-organisms, tissue, blood, etc.)** that require SRC/IRB committee approval.

Please note that the above rules and required forms **apply only to sixth graders**. EBLs students in lower grades are not eligible to apply to the Ritchey SEF and therefore the expectations for younger students will be the same as in prior years.

Scientists, medical professionals, science teachers, and veterinarians, please consider helping your student and other sixth graders by volunteering as an adult sponsor and/or participating in an IRB/SRC for an hour or two. See: <https://student.societyforscience.org/roles-and-responsibilities-students-and-adults>

We look forward to working with sixth graders on this exciting opportunity.

Sincerely,

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