# Guide to Filling in SSEF/ISEF Forms

For SSEF 2025 (Updated Sept 2024)

The tips provided in this guide aim to address common issues faced during SSEF/ISEF form-filling.

Click on the buttons/links to navigate through the guide.

All forms can be found on the <u>SSEF website</u>.

For more information on the ISEF rules, please refer to the <u>ISEF website</u>.

# Select an SSEF category:

**Main Category** 

Junior Scientist Category

## Click to select a form:

	Form	Filled in by	Endorsed by	Dated before or after start of		
No.	o. Name Compulsory		rilled iii by	Liluoiseu by	experimentation	
-	SSEF Entry Form	✓	Student(s)	Teacher mentor	After	
1	Checklist for Adult Sponsor	<b>✓</b>	Teacher mentor	Teacher mentor	Before	
1A	Student Checklist	✓	Student(s)	-	Before	
1B	Approval Form	<b>✓</b>	Student(s)	Parent & SRC/IRB	Before	
1C	Regulated Research Institutional Setting Form	If applicable	Research mentor	Research mentor	After	
2	Qualified Scientist Form	If applicable	Research mentor	Research mentor	Before	
3	Risk Assessment Form	If applicable	Student(s)	Research mentor	Before	
4	Human Participants Form	If applicable	Student(s)	IRB	Before	
5A	Vertebrate Animal Form	If applicable	Student(s)	SRC & research mentor	Before	
5B	Vertebrate Animal Form	If applicable	Research mentor	Research mentor	After	
6A	Potentially Hazardous Biological Agents Risk Assessment Form	If applicable	Research mentor	SRC & research mentor	rch Before	
6B	Human and Vertebrate Animal Tissue Form	If applicable	Student(s)	Research mentor	Before	
7	Continuation/Research Progression Projects Form	If applicable	Student(s)	Student(s)	After	

Find out which forms (1C-7) are required by using the Rules Wizard.

# FORM-FILLING TIMELINE

First day of experimentation/ data collection declared on Form 1A

PERIOD OF EXPERIMENTATION/ DATA COLLECTION:

**MAXIMUM 365 DAYS** 

Last day of experimentation/ data collection declared on Form 1A

Date forms on or before first day of experimentation/ data collection:

- 1
- 4
- <u>1A</u>
- <u>5A</u>
- <u>1B</u>
- <u>6A</u>
- <u>2</u>
- 6B
- <u>3</u>

Date forms on or after last day of experimentation/ data collection:

- <u>1C</u>
- <u>5B</u>
- 7
- SSEF Entry Form

For all dates, use MM/DD/YY format

## **SSEF Entry Form**

Compulsory?	Filled in by	Endorsed by
✓	Student(s)	Teacher mentor

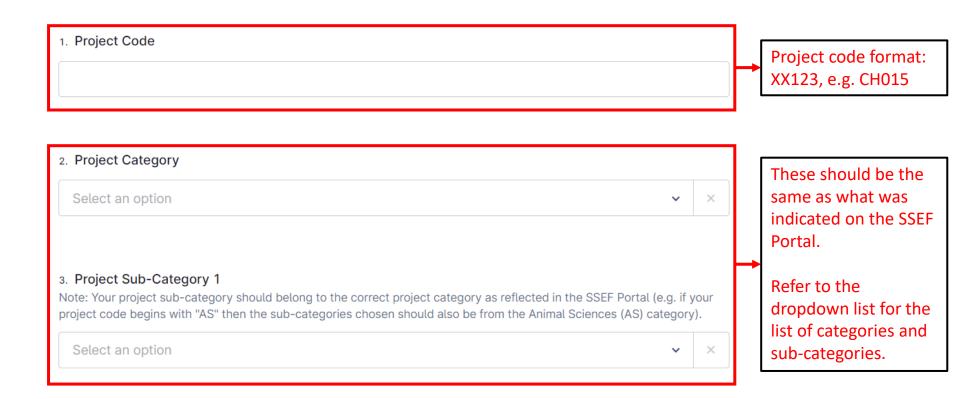
Student(s) can complete the form through the following link:

https://go.gov.sg/ssef2025-registration-mc or by scanning the QR code.



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## **SSEF Entry Form**



# **SSEF Entry Form (continued)**

Title of project should be the same as what was indicated on the SSEF Portal. 6. Title of research project

7. Type of Participation

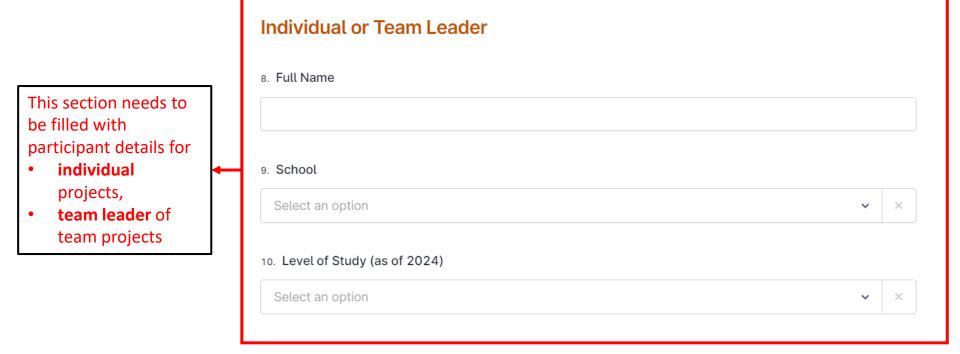
- Individual
- Team (2 members)
- Team (3 members)

**Team** projects to indicate if all members are from the same school or different schools

8. (For Team Projects only) Are all team members from the same school?

- All members from same school
- Members from different schools

# **SSEF Entry Form (continued)**



# **SSEF Entry Form (continued)**

**Team Member 2** 

16. [Team Member 2] Full Name

17. [Team Member 2] School Select an option 18. [Team Member 2] Level of Study (as of 2024) This section needs to Select an option participant details for **Team members 2 Team Member 3** and 3 of team projects 23. [Team Member 3] Full Name 24. [Team Member 3] School Select an option 25. [Team Member 3] Level of Study (as of 2024) Select an option

be filled with

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# **SSEF Entry Form (continued)**

This section needs to be acknowledged by parent/guardian for

- individual projects,
- team leader of team projects

#### Individual / Team Leader: Parent/Guardian's Consent

12. For the parent/guardian: I agree that in the course of participating in SSEF/ISEF 2025, the following (where applicable) may be shared on MOE and SSEF's social media platforms (e.g. Website, Facebook and Instagram pages) which are accessible to the general public:

All statements need to be acknowledged for form submission.

- Images and videos of my child/ward participating in SSEF/ISEF 2025;
- Materials my child/ward used during participation in SSEF/ISEF 2025;
- My child/ward's learning experience at SSEF/ISEF 2025.
- 13. Full Name of Parent/Guardian Giving Consent

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# **SSEF Entry Form (continued)**

This section needs to be acknowledged by parent/guardian for

• Team members 2 and 3 of team projects

Team Membe	r 2: Parent/Guardian's Consent
the following (where Facebook and Instag	uardian of Team Member 2] I agree that in the course of participating in SSEF/ISEF 2025, applicable) may be shared on MOE and SSEF's social media platforms (e.g. Website, ram pages) which are accessible to the general public: be acknowledged for form submission.
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Materials my c	nild/ward used during participation in SSEF/ISEF 2025;
My child/ward'	s learning experience at SSEF/ISEF 2025.
20. [Team Member 2	] Full Name of Parent/Guardian Giving Consent
Team Membe	r 3: Parent/Guardian's Consent
26. [For the parent/g the following (where Facebook and Instag	r 3: Parent/Guardian's Consent  uardian of Team Member 3] I agree that in the course of participating in SSEF/ISEF 2025, applicable) may be shared on MOE and SSEF's social media platforms (e.g. Website, gram pages) which are accessible to the general public: be acknowledged for form submission.
26. [For the parent/g the following (where Facebook and Instag All statements need to	uardian of Team Member 3] I agree that in the course of participating in SSEF/ISEF 2025, applicable) may be shared on MOE and SSEF's social media platforms (e.g. Website, gram pages) which are accessible to the general public:
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# SSEF Entry Form (continued)

This section needs to be endorsed by school for

- individual projects,
- team projects with members from the same school, and
- team leader of team projects with members from different schools.

Individual ,	/ Team	Leader: S	School	Endors	sement
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#### For:

- · individual project;
- team projects with members from the same school;
- team leader of team project with members from different schools

13. Full Name of Teacher-in-charge

14. E-mail Address of Teacher-in-charge

This should be an official work email (e.g. @schools.gov.sq, @moe.edu.sq or a school-issued domain)

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# **SSEF Entry Form (continued)**

This section needs to be endorsed by school for

Team members 2 and 3
 of team projects with
 members from different
 schools.

Team Member 2: School Endorsement				
21. [Team Member 2] Full Name of Teacher-in-charge				
22. [Team Member 2] E-mail Address of Teacher-in-charge This should be an official work email (e.g. @schools.gov.sg, @moe.edu.sg or a school-issued domain)				
Team Member 3: School Endorsement				
28. [Team Member 3] Full Name of Teacher-in-charge				
29. [Team Member 3] E-mail Address of Teacher-in-charge This should be an official work email (e.g. @schools.gov.sg, @moe.edu.sg or a school-issued domain)				

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# **SSEF Entry Form (continued)**

Declaration by participants, teacher coordinator(s) and parent/guardian is required for **all** projects.

Section 3 - Declaration by Participant(s) and Teacher Coordinators				
All statements need to be acknowledged for form submission.				
15. By submitting this form,				
I / We hereby certify that all information provided to SSEF organisers is correct.				
I / We did not plagiarise material, forge or fabricate data, use or present other researcher's work as our own in my / our research project.				
I / We acknowledge that projects found to have committed fraud or in any degree, been dishonest, at any stage of the project, will face serious disciplinary consequences.				
I / We consent to the use of the information / project I / we submit to the organisers for publicity purpose.				
I / We understand that all the materials I / we submit will not be returned to me / us.				
I / We agree to be contacted for future STEM-related activities or surveys.				
The parent(s)/guardian(s) of all student participants have given consent as reflected in the form above.				

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# Form 1: Checklist for Adult Sponsor

Compulsory?	Filled in by	Endorsed by	To be dated before or after start of experimentation?
✓	Teacher mentor	Teacher mentor	Before

If project team members are from different schools, this form should be completed by the team leader's teacher mentor.

	Checklist for Adult Sponsor (1) This completed form is required for ALL projects.		
*Compulsory items	To be completed by the Adult Sponsor in collaboration with the student researcher(s):  * Student's Name(s):  * Project Title:  * 1.		
	* 3.		

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# Form 1: Checklist for Adult Sponsor (continued)

Teacher mentor to check that all relevant forms have been prepared by students. Find out which forms (1C-7) are required by using the **Rules Wizard**.

Additi-	onal 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)
	<ul> <li>Vertebrate Animals (Requires prior approval, see full text of the rules.)</li> <li>□ Vertebrate Animal Form (5A)-for projects conducted in a school/home/field research site (SRC prior approval required.)</li> <li>□ Vertebrate Animal Form (5B)-for projects conducted at a Regulated Research Institution. (Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) approval required prior experimentation.)</li> <li>□ Qualified Scientist Form (2) (Required for all vertebrate animal projects at a regulated research site or when applicable)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Potentially Hazardous Biological Agents (Requires prior approval by SRC, IACUC or IBC, see full text of the rules.)</li> <li>Potentially Hazardous Biological Agents Risk Assessment Form (6A)</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Qualified Scientist Form (2) (when applicable)</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>
-	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)

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# Form 1: Checklist for Adult Sponsor (continued)

#### \*Compulsory items

Adult Sponsor's Printed Name	*Signature	*Date of Review (mm/dd/yy)	_
Phone	*Email		
		must be <b>on/before</b> the 'Actual Start Date' indic r to the <b>form-filling timeline</b> for more informa	

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## Form 1A: Student Checklist

Compulsory?	Filled in by	Endorsed by	To be dated before or after start of experimentation?
<b>✓</b>	Student(s)	-	Before

All items are compulsory

teacher mentor is.

#### Student Checklist (1A)

This form is required for ALL projects.

b. Team Member

For team projects with members from different schools, these should be based on the school that the team leader is from and who his or her

b. Team Member

2. Title of Project:

(if multiple schools, School Address:

. 6	a. Student/Team Leader:	Grade:
	Email:	Phone:

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

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

3. School: School Phone: School Phone:

School Address:

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

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# Form 1A: Student Checklist (continued)

## All items are compulsory

	pes this project need SRC/IRB/IACUC or other pre-approval?   Yes  No Tentative start date:
	<ul> <li>'Yes' for projects that involve:</li> <li>humans (inclusive of the research participants involved in surveys or interviews),</li> <li>vertebrates, or</li> <li>PHBAs</li> </ul> Take note that additional forms are required for such projects.
If a. b.	this a continuation/progression from a previous year?

## Form 1A: Student Checklist (continued)

7.	This year's experimentat	ion/data colle	ction:		
	Actual Start Date: (mm/dd	/yy)		End Date: (mn	n/dd/yy)
8.	8. Where will you conduct your experimentation? (check all that apply				oly)
	☐ Research Institution	☐ School	☐ Field	☐ Home	Other:

- Indication of project start and end dates required for **ALL** projects (<u>including computing-based</u> <u>projects</u>, even if there is no experimentation involved)
- Project must be conducted between 1 Jan 2024 14 Jan 2025 but <u>total duration of research done</u> <u>must not exceed 365 days</u>

Actual Start Date	Actual End Date	Eligible?
1 Jan 2024	14 Jan 2025	No
1 Jan 2024	31 Dec 2024	Yes
1 Jan 2024	2 Jan 2025	No
15 Jan 2024	14 Jan 2025	Yes

- 'Actual Start Date' must be on/after 'Date of Review' indicated on <u>Form 1</u>. Refer to the <u>form-filling</u> <u>timeline</u> for more information.
- Use date format MM/DD/YY (e.g. 01/31/24)

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# Form 1A: Student Checklist (continued)

'Other' for projects that used publicly available data	-	9. Source of Data:  □ Collected self/mentor □ Other Describe/url:
Only for projects that are <u>not</u> conducted in research institutions	<b>+</b>	10. List the name and address of all non-home and non-school work site(s), whether you worked there virtually or on-site:  Name  Address:
	1	Phone/ email
Attach your research plan to form 1A		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.

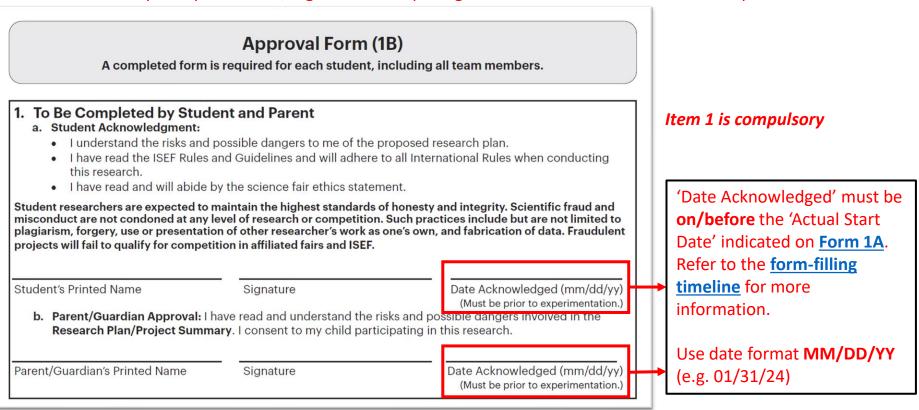
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## Form 1B: Approval Form

Compulsory?	Filled in by	Endorsed by	To be dated before or after start of experimentation?
✓	Student(s)	Parent and SRC/IRB	Before

One form is required per student, e.g. a team comprising three students should have three copies of Form 1B.



# Form 1B: Approval Form (continued)

- 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.) Required for projects that need prior SRC/IRB approval Required for research conducted at all Regulated BEFORE experimentation (humans, vertebrates or Research Institutions with no prior fair SRC/IRB potentially hazardous biological agents). approval. OR This project was conducted at a regulated research institution The SRC/IRB has carefully studied this project's Research Plan/ (not home or high school, etc.), was reviewed and approved **Project Summary** and all the required forms are included. My by the proper institutional board before experimentation and signature indicates approval of the Research Plan/Project complies with the ISEF Rules. Attach (1C) and any required **Summary** before the student begins experimentation. institutional approvals (e.g. IACUC, IRB). SRC/IRB Chair's Printed Name SRC Chair's Printed Name Signature Date of Approval (mm/dd/yy) (Must be prior to experimentation.) Signature Date of Signature (mm/dd/yy) (May be after experimentation)
- Projects conducted outside of research institutions and involve humans, vertebrates, or PHBAs need to complete
  item 2a. Please contact the SSEF organising committee for assistance if your school does not have its own SRC/IRB.
- 'Date of Approval' must be on/before the 'Actual Start Date' indicated on Form 1A. Refer to the form-filling timeline for more information.
- Use date format MM/DD/YY (e.g. 01/31/24)

# Form 1B: Approval Form (continued)

Leave item 3 blank. This will be filled up by the SSEF SRC upon receipt of forms.

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	Signature	Date of Approval (mm/dd/yy)					
State/National SRC Chair's Printed Name (where applicable)	Signature	Date of Approval (mm/dd/yy)					

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# Form 1C: Regulated Research Institutional Setting Form

Compulsory?	Filled in by	Endorsed by	To be dated before or after start of experimentation?
For projects involving	Research	Research	After
*external mentors	mentor	mentor	Aitei

<sup>\*</sup>External mentors refer to research mentors who are not from the school, e.g. from research institutions, institutes of higher learning. Even if students do not conduct any data collection physically at these external venues, form 1C will still be required as long as an external mentor is involved in the project consultation (virtually or on site).

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## Form 1C: Regulated Research Institutional Setting Form

	Compulsory?	Filled in by	Endorsed by	To be dated before or after start of experimentation?	
ſ	For projects involving	Research	Research	Aftor	
	external mentors	mentor	mentor	After	

*Compulsory item	*	Co	mp	uls	ory	/ it	em
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## Revised-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 the Student's processor of the Student experience at your work site (check all that approved the Student experience at your work site (check all that approved the Student's processor of the Student's pro	oject boo	_	do not	

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# Form 1C: Regulated Research Institutional Setting Form (continued)

#### \*Compulsory items

*	2.	Please describe the independent and/or creative work done by the student in any phase of the project, but
		particularly in developing the hypotheses or engineering goals of the project

\* 3. Detail the student's role in conducting the research (e.g. data collection, specific procedures performed). Differentiate what the student observed and the student actually did.

\* 4. Did the student(s) work on the project as part of a group?
 □ Yes
 □ No
 Were there other high school students present? If yes, please list the students names and describe how their work was related or different from the work of this projecct.

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

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# Form 1C: Regulated Research Institutional Setting Form (continued)

\*All fields are compulsory

regulatory board (IRB/IACUC/IBC) h	as been obtained. Copies are attached publicly in competition and I have con	nat any required review and approval by institutional if applicable. I further acknowledge that the inmunicated with the student research regarding any
Direct Supervisor's Printed Name	Signature	Title
Institution		Date Signed (must be after experimentation) (mm/dd/yy)
Address		Email/Phone
	Form 1A. Refer to th	pe <b>on/after</b> the 'Actual End Date' indicated on e <b>form-filling timeline</b> for more information.  1/DD/YY (e.g. 01/31/24)

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## Form 2: Qualified Scientist Form

Compulsory?	Filled in by	Endorsed by	To be dated before or after start of experimentation?
For projects involving human participants, vertebrate animals, PHBAs, and DEA-controlled substances.	Research mentor	Research mentor	Before

#### All items are compulsory

#### **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

To be filled in by the
research mentor

To be completed by the Qualified Scientist:	
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Scientist Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Position/Institution:

Email/Phone:

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## Form 2: Qualified Scientist Form (continued)

#### All items are compulsory

1.	Have you reviewed the ISEF rules relevant to this project and the science fair ethics statement relevant to this project?	☐ Yes	□ No
2.	<ul> <li>Will any of the following be used?</li> <li>a. Human participants</li> <li>b. Vertebrate animals</li> <li>c. Potentially hazardous biological agents (microorganisms, rDNA and tissues, including blood and blood products)</li> <li>d. Hazardous substances and devices</li> </ul>	☐ Yes☐ Yes☐ Yes☐ Yes☐ Yes	□ No □ No □ No
3.	Will this study be a sub-set of a larger study?	☐ Yes	□No
4.	Will you directly supervise the student?	☐ Yes	□ No

Refer to the <u>Guidelines for Science and Engineering Fairs</u> for full list of PHBAs, exempt studies/tissues and DEA-controlled substances.

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## Form 2: Qualified Scientist Form (continued)

#### 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)

- To be filled in by the research mentor
- 'Date of Approval' must be on/before the 'Actual Start Date' indicated on Form 1A.
   Refer to the form-filling timeline for more information.
- Use date format MM/DD/YY (e.g. 01/31/24)

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

I certify that I have reviewed the Research Plan/Project Summary and have been trained in the techniques to be used by this student, and I will provide direct supervision.

Direct Supervisor's Printed Name

Experience/Training of Designated Supervisor

Signature Date of Approval (mm/dd/yy)

Phone email

- If the research mentor is unable to directly supervise the research process, a Direct Supervisor can be appointed to oversee the student(s). The Direct Supervisor would need to complete this section.
- 'Date of Approval' must be on/before the 'Actual Start Date' indicated on <u>Form 1A</u>. Refer to the <u>form-filling timeline</u> for more information.
- Use date format MM/DD/YY (e.g. 01/31/24)

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## Form 3: Risk Assessment Form

Compulsory?	Filled in by	Endorsed by	To be dated before or after start of experimentation?
For projects involving <b>Human</b>		Research	
Participants, Hazardous Chemicals,	Student(s)		Before
Materials or Devices or PHBAs		mentor	

All items are compulsory

#### **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.

Student's Name(s)			
Title of Project			

To be completed by the Student Researcher(s) in collaboration with Designated 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.
- 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.
- 4. Describe the disposal procedures that will be used (when applicable).
- 5. List the source(s) of safety information.

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# Form 3: Risk Assessment Form (continued)

#### All items are compulsory

To be completed and signed by I agree with the risk assessment and Research Plan/Project Summary and direct supervision.	safety precautions and pro-	cedures described above. I ce	rtify that I have	e reviewed the
Direct Supervisor's Printed Name	Signature		Date of Revie	w (mm/dd/yy)
Experience/Training as relates to the studer	nt's area of research			
Position/Institution		Phone or email contact in	formation	
	• 'Date o	f Review' must be <b>on/befor</b>	<b>e</b> the 'Actual	Start Date'

- 'Date of Review' must be on/before the 'Actual Start Date' indicated on <u>Form 1A</u>. Refer to the <u>form-filling timeline</u> for more information.
- Use date format MM/DD/YY (e.g. 01/31/24)

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## Form 4: Human Participants Form

Compulsory?	Filled in by	Endorsed by	To be dated before or after start of experimentation?
For projects conducted outside of			
research institutions involving	Student(s)	IRB	Before
human participants*			

<sup>\*</sup>This includes research participants involved in **surveys or interviews** (regarding potential use or opinions of an invention or a consumer product).

Note that although projects conducted at research institutions that involve human participants do not require form 4, institutional approval forms and IRB approval are still required.

#### All items are compulsory

#### **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.)

To be filled in by student(s) together with teacher/research mentor

Student's Name(s)	Title of Project
Adult Sponsor	Phone/Email

MUST BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT RESEARCHER(S) IN COLLABORATION WITH THE ADULT SPONSOR/DESIGNATED SUPERVISOR/QUALIFIED SCIENTIST:

- I. have submitted my Research Plan/Project Summary which addresses ALL areas indicated in the Human Participants Section of the Research Plan/Project Summary Instructions.
- 2. I have attached any surveys or questionnaires I will be using in my project or other documents provided to human participants.

  Any published instrument(s) used was /were legally obtained.
- 3. I have attached an informed consent that I would use if required by the IRB.
- 4. Yes No Are you working with a Qualified Scientist? If yes, attach the Qualified Scientist Form 2.

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## Form 4: Human Participants Form (continued)

The following section is to be filled in by an IRB, including one medical/mental health professional, one educator and one school administrator. Please contact the SSEF organising committee for assistance if your school does not have its own IRB.

#### All items are compulsory

- IRB team cannot consist of individuals with conflict of interest to student (i.e. adult sponsor, direct supervisor, qualified scientist, relative).
- 'Date of Approval' must be on/before the 'Actual Start Date' indicated on Form 1A. Refer to the form-filling timeline for more information.
- Use date format MM/DD/YY (e.g. 01/31/24)

	BELOW - IRE	S USE ONLY				
	MUST be completed by Institutional Review Board (IRB) after review of the research plan. All questions must be answered for the approval to be valid. (If not approved, return paperwork to the student with instructions for modifications.)					
	Approved with Full Committee Review (3 signatures required) and the following conditions: (All 6 must be answered)  1. Risk Level (check one):    Minimal Risk   More than Minimal Risk   (a risk assessment form 3 is required).					
	5. Written Parental Permission required for minor particip  Yes  No  Not a	□ No □ No  pplicable (No minors in this study) ants: pplicable (No minors in this study)				
\	6. Written Informed Consent required for participants 18 y ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not ap	/ears or older: oplicable (No participants 18 yrs or older in this study)				
1	IRB SIGNATURES (All 3 signatures required) None of these individuscientist or related to (e.g., mother, father of) the student (conflict of	of interest).				
	I attest that I have reviewed the student's project, that the checkboxes above have been completed to indicate the IRB determination and that I agree with the decisions above.					
	Medical or Mental Health Professional (a psychologist, medical doctor, lic physician's assistant, doctor of pharmacy, or registered nurse) with exper					
	Printed Name	Degree/Professional License				
	Signature/Date (prior to experimentation)	Email				
	Educator					
	Printed Name Degree/Professional License					
	Signature/Date (prior to experimentation) Email					
	School Administrator					
	Printed Name Degree/Professional License					
	Signature/Date (prior to experimentation)	Email				

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## Form 4: Human Participants Form – Human Informed Consent Form

Student Pessarcher(s).

The Human Informed Consent Form is used to provide information to the research participant regarding the project and to document consent or parental permission. Research participants involved in <u>surveys or interviews</u> are also required to complete this form.

#### **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.

## All items are compulsory

This section is to be filled in by student(s) together with teacher/research mentor.

After filling in this section, the consent form can be photocopied for all research participants to complete.

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 below.		
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 o	contact:	
Adult Sponsor/QS/DS:P	hone/email:	

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### Form 4: Human Participants Form – Human Informed Consent Form (continued)

This section of the consent form is to be completed by research participants (including those involved in surveys or interviews).

Completed consent forms do not need to be submitted but they should all be kept by students for documentation purposes.

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 a assent to participate or permission for my child to p	and understand the information above and I freely give my consent/ participate.			
Adult Informed Consent or Minor Assent Date Reviewed & Signed:				
Research Participant Printed Name: Signature:				
Parental/Guardian Permission (if applicable)  Date Reviewed & Signed: (mm/dd/yy)				
Parent/Guardian Printed Name: Signature:				

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### Form 5A: Vertebrate Animal Form

Compulsory?	Filled in by	Endorsed by	To be dated before or after start of experimentation?
For projects conducted <b>outside of research institutions</b>	Student(s)	SRC and	Before
involving vertebrate animals		research mentor	

Note: For projects conducted at research institutions that involve vertebrate animals, refer to Form 5B.

### All items are compulsory

#### 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

#### To be completed by Student Researcher:

- 1. Common name (or Genus, species) and number of animals used.
- To be filled in by student(s)
- 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, designated supervisor or a veterinarian. If applicable, attach this letter with this form when submitting your paperwork to the SRC prior to competition.

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## Form 5A: Vertebrate Animal Form (continued)

This section is to be filled in an SRC to determine if a direct supervisor and/or certification by a veterinarian would be required. Please contact the SSEF organising committee for assistance if your school does not have its own SRC.

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 and have 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-regulated 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)			
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.)	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 I 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)	Printed Name Email/Phone  Signature Date of Approval (mm/dd/yy)			

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### Form 5A: Vertebrate Animal Form (continued)

Certification by a veterinarian is required if the project involves any of the following:

- animal husbandry
- supplemental nutrition, administration of prescription drugs and/or activities that would not be ordinarily encountered in the animal's daily life
- 'Date of Approval' must be on/before the 'Actual Start Date' indicated on Form 1A. Refer to the form-filling timeline for more information.
- Use date format MM/DD/YY (e.g. 01/31/24)

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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 REQUIR	ED. Please have applicable persor	n sign below.		
☐ Veterinarian and Direct Su	pervisor REQUIRED. Please have ap	oplicable persons sign below.		
☐ Veterinarian, Direct Super the Qualified Scientist cor		UIRED. Please have applicable person	s sign below and have	
The SRC has carefully reviewed this Local or Affiliate Fair SRC Pre-A		ate study that may be conducted in a	non-regulated research site.	
SRC Chair Printed Name Signature Date of Approval (must be prior to experimentation) (mm/dd/yy)				
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  ☐ I will directly supervise the experiment.		: arch and animal husbandry with art of experimentation and I vility for the care and handling ect.		
of illness or emergency. (Fe Printed Name Signature	Email/Phone  Date of Approval (mm/dd/yy)	Printed Name Signature	Email/Phone  Date of Approval (mm/dd/yy)	

The research mentor (or direct supervisor) is required to directly supervise all research involving vertebrate animals, except for observational studies.

- 'Date of Approval' must be **on/before** the 'Actual Start Date' indicated on **Form 1A**. Refer to the **form-filling timeline** for more information.
- Use date format MM/DD/YY (e.g. 01/31/24)

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## Form 5B: Vertebrate Animal Form

Compulsory?	Filled in by	Endorsed by	To be dated before or after start of experimentation?
For projects conducted <b>at</b>	Docoareh	Docoareh	
research institutions	Research mentor	Research mentor	After
involving <b>vertebrate animals</b>	Incitoi	Incitoi	

Note: For projects conducted outside of research institutions that involve vertebrate animals, refer to **Form 5A**.

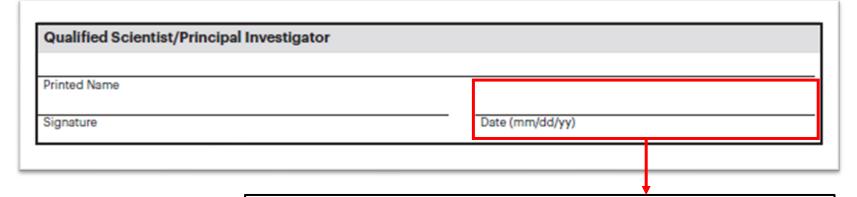
All items are compulsory

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 after 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:
<ol> <li>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.)</li> </ol>
<ol> <li>Was there any weight loss or death of any animal? If yes, attach a letter obtained from the qualified scientist, designated supervisor or a veterinarian documenting the situation and the results of the investigation.</li> </ol>
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?

### Form 5B: Vertebrate Animal Form (continued)

Note that a copy of **IACUC Approval** from the research institution is required to be attached.

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



- 'Date' must be **on/before** the 'Actual Start Date' indicated on **Form 1A**.

  Refer to the **form-filling timeline** for more information.
- Use date format MM/DD/YY (e.g. 01/31/24)

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### Form 6A: Potentially Hazardous Biological Agents Risk Assessment Form

Compulsory?	Filled in by	Endorsed by	To be dated before or after start of experimentation?
For projects involving PHBAs*	Research mentor	SRC and research mentor	Before

#### \*PHBAs include:

- potentially hazardous microorganisms (e.g. bacteria, viruses, viroids, rickettsia, fungi, parasites),
- recombinant DNA (rDNA),
- fresh/frozen tissue (including primary cell lines, human and other primate established cell lines and tissue cultures),
- blood and
- body fluids.

Refer to the <u>Guidelines for Science and Engineering Fairs</u> for exempt studies/tissues.

Projects involving these PHBAs need to submit **both Forms 6A and 6B**.

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

Sections 1 and 2 should be completed by the research mentor, in collaboration with the student(s).

#### All items are compulsory

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

#### SECTION 1: PROJECT ASSESSMENT

- 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 site of experimentation including the level of biological containment.
- 3. Describe the procedures that will be used to minimize risk (personal protective equipment, hood type, etc.).
- 4. What final biosafety level do you recommend for this project given the risk assessment you conducted?
- Describe the method of disposal of all cultured materials and other potentially hazardous biological agents. If BSL-2 laboratory, 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).

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

### All items are compulsory

Section 3 is to be filled in by the research mentor

- 'Date of review' must be on/before the 'Actual Start Date' indicated on Form 1A. Refer to the form-filling timeline for more information.
- Use date format MM/DD/YY (e.g. 01/31/24)

Direct 9	Supervisor - Check the Experimentation on the Research Institution, bu	LLCELL LINES, MICROORGANISMS AND TISSUES - To be completed by the QUALIFIED SCIENTIST or r - Check the appropriate box(es) below:  ntation on the microorganisms/cell lines/tissues to be used in this study will NOT be conducted at a Regulated Institution, but will be conducted at a (check one)BSL-1 orBSL-2 laboratory (include a copy of the checklist . [This study has been reviewed by the local SRC and the procedures have been approved prior nentation.]				
		he microorganisms/cell lines/tissues to be used in this study will be conducted at a Regulated and was approved by the appropriate institutional board prior to experimentation; institutional approval  Date of IACUC/IBC approval				
	Research Institution, w	e microorganisms/cell lines/tissues hich does not require pre-approval porting documentation and acknow	for this type of study. The S	SRC has seen and approved the		
CERTIF	ICATION - To be SIGN	ED by the QUALIFIED SCIENTIST	or Direct Supervisor			
provide	The QS/DS has seen this project's research plan and supporting documentation and acknowledges the accuracy of the information provided above. This study has been approved as a (check one)   BSL-1/ BSL-2 study, and will be conducted in an appropriate aboratory.					
QS/DS P	rinted Name	Signature		Date of review (mm/dd/yy)		
SECTIO	SECTION 4: CERTIFICATION – To be completed by the LOCAL or AFFILIATED FAIR SRC					
The SRC	The SRC has seen this project's research plan and supporting documentation and acknowledges the accuracy of the information provided.					
SRC Prin	ted Name	Signature		Date of review (mm/dd/yy)		

This section is to be filled in the an SRC. Please contact the SSEF organising committee for assistance if your school does not have its own SRC.

- 'Date of review' must be **on/before** the 'Actual Start Date' indicated on **Form 1A**. Refer to the **form-filling timeline** for more information.
- Use date format MM/DD/YY (e.g. 01/31/24)

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### Form 6B: Human and Vertebrate Animal Tissue Form

ber and a of IACUC approval.

Compulsory?	Filled in by	Endorsed by	To be dated before or after start of experimentation?	
For projects involving		Dosooreh		
fresh/frozen tissue, blood, blood	Student(s)	Research	Before	
products and body fluids		mentor		

#### Projects that require Form 6B would also require Form 6A.

### All items are compulsory

### 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 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 num-

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

### This section should be completed by the research mentor.

☐ I verify that the student will work so him/her by myself or qualified pers were euthanized for a purpose other	ed Scientist or Direct Supervisor: olely with de-identified organs, tissues, cultu onnel from the laboratory; and that if verteb er than the student's research.			
	ucts, tissues or body fluids in this project wil n U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Act, 29		•	'Date of Approval' must be <b>on/before</b> the 'Actual Start Date'
Printed Name	Signature	Date of Approval (mm/dd/yy) (Must be prior to experimentation.)	<b></b>	indicated on Form 1A.  Refer to the form- filling timeline for more information.
Title	Phone/Ema	il		more imormation.
Institution			•	Use date format MM/DD/YY (e.g. 01/31/24)

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## Form 7: Continuation/Research Progression Projects Form

Compulsory?	Filled in by	Endorsed by	To be dated before or after start of experimentation?
For projects that are a continuation/			
<b>progression</b> in the same field of study as	Student(s)	Student(s)	After
a previous project			

All items are compulsory

Student's Name(s)		
	ent Researcher: List all components of the cu tion must be on the form; use an additional for	urrent project that make it new and different from previ orm for previous year and earlier projects.
Components	Current Research Project	Previous Research Project: Year:
1. Title		
Change In goal/ purpose/objec-		
tive		
3. Changes In		
methodology		
Variable studied		
5. Additional changes		
Stratiges		

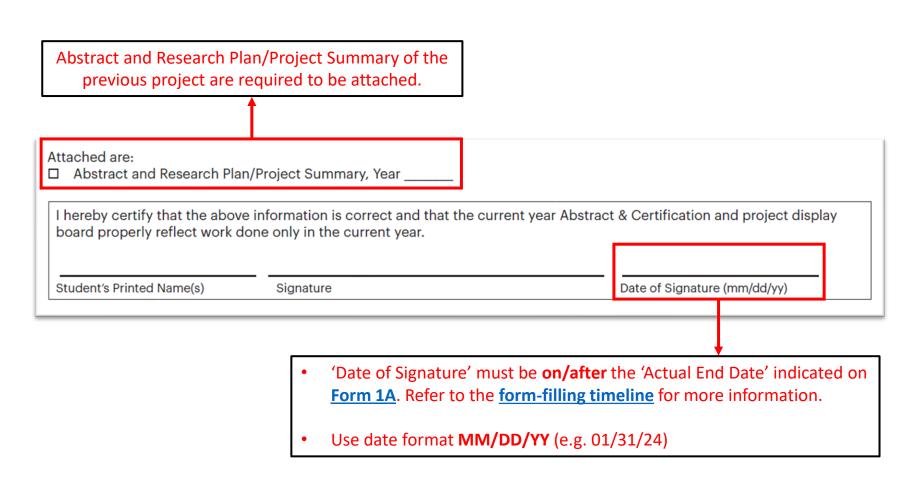
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## Form 7: Continuation/Research Progression Projects Form (continued)

All items are compulsory



### Click to select a form:

Form	Compulsory
SSEF Entry Form (Junior Scientist)	✓

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## **SSEF Entry Form (Junior Scientist)**

Compulsory?	Filled in by	Endorsed by
✓	Student(s)	Teacher mentor

Student(s) can complete the form through the following link:

https://go.gov.sg/ssef2025-registration-js or by scanning the QR code.



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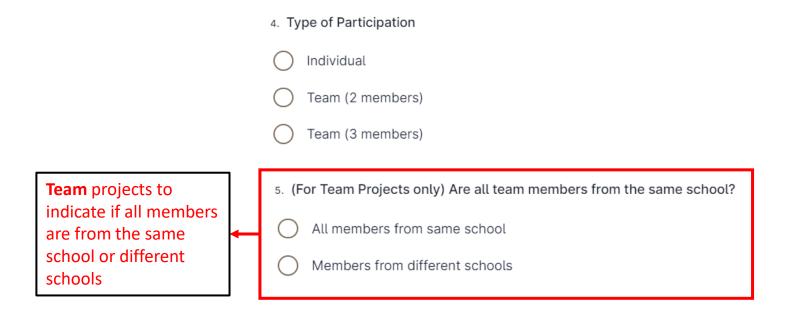
## **SSEF Entry Form (Junior Scientist)**



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## SSEF Entry Form (Junior Scientist) (continued)



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## **SSEF Entry Form (Junior Scientist) (continued)**

This section needs to be acknowledged by parent/guardian for

- individual projects,
- team leader of team projects.

Individual / Team Leader: Parent/Guardian's Consent
In participating in the SSEF Junior Scientist Category, your child/ward will be submitting a video for the video contest. Please review the rules of the video contest at <a href="https://science.edu.sg/ssef/">https://science.edu.sg/ssef/</a> <a h<="" td=""></a>
9. For the parent/guardian: I agree that in the course of participating in SSEF 2025, the following (where applicable) may be shared on MOE and SSEF's social media platforms (e.g. Website, Facebook and Instagram pages) which are accessible to the general public:  All statements need to be acknowledged for form submission.
Images and videos of my child/ward participating in SSEF 2025;
Materials my child/ward used during participation in SSEF 2025;
My child/ward's learning experience at SSEF 2025.
10. Full Name of Parent/Guardian Giving Consent

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## **SSEF Entry Form (Junior Scientist) (continued)**

This section needs to be acknowledged by parent/guardian for

 Team members 2 and 3 of team projects.

Team Member 2: Parent/Guardian's Consent
In participating in the SSEF Junior Scientist Category, your child/ward will be submitting a video for the video contest. Please review the rules of the video contest at <a href="https://science.edu.sg/ssef/">https://science.edu.sg/ssef/</a> [2].
16. [For the parent/guardian of Team Member 2] I agree that in the course of participating in SSEF 2025, the following (where applicable) may be shared on MOE and SSEF's social media platforms (e.g. Website, Facebook and Instagram pages) which are accessible to the general public:  All statements need to be acknowledged for form submission.
Images and videos of my child/ward participating in SSEF 2025;
Materials my child/ward used during participation in SSEF 2025;
My child/ward's learning experience at SSEF 2025.
17. [Team Member 2] Full Name of Parent/Guardian Giving Consent
Team Member 3: Parent/Guardian's Consent
In participating in the SSEF Junior Scientist Category, your child/ward will be submitting a video for the video contest. Please review the rules of the video contest at <a href="https://science.edu.sg/ssef/">https://science.edu.sg/ssef/</a> [2].
23. [For the parent/guardian of Team Member 3] I agree that in the course of participating in SSEF 2025, the following (where applicable) may be shared on MOE and SSEF's social media platforms (e.g. Website, Facebook and Instagram pages) which are accessible to the general public:  All statements need to be acknowledged for form submission.
Images and videos of my child/ward participating in SSEF 2025;
Materials my child/ward used during participation in SSEF 2025;
My child/ward's learning experience at SSEF 2025.
24. [Team Member 3] Full Name of Parent/Guardian Giving Consent

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## **SSEF Entry Form (Junior Scientist) (continued)**

# This section needs to be filled for

- individual projects,
- team projects with members from the same school, and
- team leader of team projects with members from different schools.

For:
For:  • individual project;
team projects with members from the same school;
team leader of team project with members from different schools
10. Full Name of Teacher-in-charge
11. E-mail Address of Teacher-in-charge

This should be an official work email (e.g. @schools.gov.sg, @moe.edu.sg or a school-issued domain)

Individual / Team Leader: School Endorsement

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## **SSEF Entry Form (Junior Scientist) (continued)**

# This section needs to be filled for

Team members 2 and 3
 of team projects with
 members from different
 schools.

Team Member 2: School Endorsement	
18. [Team Member 2] Full Name of Teacher-in-charge	
19. [Team Member 2] E-mail Address of Teacher-in-charge This should be an official work email (e.g. @schools.gov.sg, @moe.edu.sg or a school-issued domain)	
Team Member 3: School Endorsement  25. [Team Member 3] Full Name of Teacher-in-charge	
26. [Team Member 3] E-mail Address of Teacher-in-charge This should be an official work email (e.g. @schools.gov.sg, @moe.edu.sg or a school-issued domain)	

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## **SSEF Entry Form (Junior Scientist) (continued)**

Declaration by participants, teacher coordinator(s) and parent/guardian is required.

Section 3 - Declaration by Participant(s) and Teacher Coordinators			
All statements need to be acknowledged for form submission.			
27. By submitting this form,			
I / We hereby certify that all information provided to SSEF organisers is correct.			
I / We did not plagiarise material, forge or fabricate data, use or present other researcher's work as our own in my / our research project.			
I / We acknowledge that projects found to have committed fraud or in any degree, been dishonest, at any stage of the project, will face serious disciplinary consequences.			
I / We consent to the use of the information / project I / we submit to the organisers for publicity purpose.			
I / We understand that all the materials I / we submit will not be returned to me / us.			
I / We agree to be contacted for future STEM-related activities or surveys.			
The parent(s)/guardian(s) of all student participants have given consent as reflected in the form above.			