

Fair date: February 27, 2027, Regional Science Fair at Trine University

DEADLINES: <https://www.trine.edu/science-fair/>

Registrations and entry updates – entry at Regional Fair closes Monday, February 15, 2027, at 4:00 pm.

TEACHERS: **January 15, 2027 - Before the experiment begins.** Check for needed pre-experiment forms: <https://www.societyforscience.org/isef/overview-of-forms-and-dates/> Use this link to guide the Adult Sponsor to review what information and forms must be provided, before, during, and after the experiment begins.

Deadline for Scientific Review Committee (SRC)/Institutional Review Board (IRB). January 15th.

- Pre-Experimentation Review opens. Scientific Review Committee (SRC)
- You will need to enter students name and upload forms for SRC review in <https://www.sefireq.org/>
- ISEF rules for all students <https://www.societyforscience.org/isef/international-rules/>
 - Some of the policies the regional fairs need to enforce include ensuring prior approvals for projects involving vertebrate animals, potentially hazardous biological agents, hazardous chemicals, and human subjects. Requiring students to gather all appropriate signatures on their forms. An **Institutional Review Board (IRB)** is a committee that, according to federal regulations (45-CFR-46), must evaluate the potential physical and/or psychological risk of research involving humans. All proposed human research must be reviewed and approved by an IRB **before experimentation begins**. This includes review of any surveys or questionnaires to be used in a project. We have added members to our Scientific Review Committee and created an Institutional Review Board for the regional fair- names on page three.

TEACHERS: **Now through February 1, 2027 – see other deadlines below.**

Teachers should Register at <http://www.sefi.org/register/>

1. Old Username – teachera@school.edu
2. New Username – teachera
3. Passwords remain the same. If you forgot your password, use the “Forget your password?” link. Be sure to enter only the prefix of your email address and click the “I’m not a robot” box. An email will be sent to your address so be sure to look for it in your inbox. If it doesn't appear in a few minutes, check your spam folders and whitelist do-not-reply@sefireq.org .

Teachers can enter student names as soon as their fair ends. Students-complete entries by February 15th.

TEACHERS: **BEFORE** students moved to regional status:

Teachers need to check registrations and verify each project content is complete (list below).

All Divisions: On the SEFI web site, <http://www.sefi.org/register/>, registrations **must include:**

1. *Address, phone, grade, date of birth, project title, and category.*
 - a. *Project Title must be same as on project board.*
2. Research plan and brief abstract **must** be included in online entry.
3. Personal Student/Parent *Email required*. **Do not use a student school email**. Teacher email may be used only IF no other email is available. Check junk folders often.
4. Check the box to indicate if your display needs electricity.
5. Gender and ethnicity are requested, options available if you decline to answer.
6. Human Consent Form(s) – if human subjects are part of the project this form must be completed and uploaded in Sefi.org with project. Found in the ISEF rules for all students.
7. Additional for: **Grades 4th-12th**: Additional appropriate 2027 ISEF forms and uploaded components. <https://www.societyforscience.org/isef/international-rules/>

TEACHERS: **Student Entries and SRC verification updates completed – February 15, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.**

Students need to verify that they have reviewed messages and updated or uploaded as requested in their Sefi.org account.

This deadline includes **resubmission** of forms if **needed forms notifications** sent by SRC to the student via SEFI.org. The student email needs to be a non-school email to receive notifications.

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Check your email or message board in Sefi.org for messages from sefi.org after teacher submits your entry, until you confirm your entry is approved for regional fair.

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STUDENT: February 15, 2027, at 4:00 p.m. - Deadline for completed SEFI.org registration and SRC Review/Approvals. Before February 15th - Contact your Science Fair teacher/sponsor when entry is completed. teacher/sponsor must verify completed registrations for each student and move your entry to Regional Fair. Contact your science fair teacher/sponsor to confirm required forms are uploaded in <http://www.sefi.org/register/>

SRC review notifications – **notifications** sent by SRC to the student via SEFI.org, approved or rejected. Rejected entries must be updated by the student, notifying the teacher when done. Status to regional fair must be resubmitted by the teacher. Notify teacher when you are ready to resubmit.

STUDENT: BEFORE your entry in regional science fair is moved to regional status by teacher/sponsor:

Students and teacher/sponsor **need to check registrations and verify each project content is complete (list below)**.

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Before entry to regional fair – by January 15, 2027, during K-12 judging	Pre-registration authorizations – forms completed by student and teacher/parent/sponsor	https://www.societyforscience.org/isef/overview-of-forms-and-dates/ Use this link to guide the Adult Sponsor to review what information and forms must be provided (before the experiment begins)
Before February 1, 2027	Teachers Register	SEFI.org
Before February 15, 2027	Teachers and students – in SEFI.org	1. Teacher creates student entry; 2. Student completes all fields in entry and uploads forms; 3. Teacher moves entry to regional fair status 4. SRC Review & Resubmission of forms if needed.
February 8-15, 2027	Students should have notations on what forms or fields are not done.	Regional Fair makes one last review of entries and checks for Missing forms and valid non-school email – rejection at this point may mean a student may not be able to attend regional fair unless uploads of missing forms posted on the student entry and reviewed again before February 15 th .
February 15, 2027, 4:00 p.m.	Registration closes– additional entries and corrections cannot be made after 4:00 pm	SEFI.org – AFTER review of all fields and forms/SRC rejections. Missing forms may disqualify participant(s).
February 15, 2027 – February 22, 2027	Regional fair closed	Regional Fair letters of project assignment and locations sent to the teacher/sponsor. Teacher/sponsor(s) deliver to students before fair date. Contact Emily Chancellor at Trine University to correct missing or incorrect information provided in letters – chancellor@trine.edu .
February 27, 2027	Regional Fair	Trine University, 210 University Avenue, Best Hall
Week after Regional	Awards boxed and ready	Pick-up or provide date/time for delivery to schools by Regional Fair Co-Directors.
April 3, 2027	<i>State Fair - Entries selected at Regional Fair</i>	IU Campus, Indianapolis IN