

# Checklist for Adult Sponsor (1)

This completed form is required for ALL projects.

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 Intel ISEF Rules and Guidelines.
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:
  - Humans  Potentially Hazardous Biological Agents
  - Vertebrate Animals  Microorganisms  rDNA  Tissues
5.  Items to be completed for **ALL PROJECTS**
  - Adult Sponsor Checklist (1)  Research Plan/Project Summary
  - Student Checklist (1A)  Approval Form (1B)
  - Regulated Research Institutional/Industrial Setting Form (1C) (when applicable; after completed experiment)
  - 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 Institutional Biosafety Committee (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) (have up with potentially hazardous biological agents.)
  - Qualified Scientist Form (2) (required for projects involving DEA-controlled substances or when applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Adult Sponsor's Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Review

\_\_\_\_\_  
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: \_\_\_\_\_  
School Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Adult Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Does this project need SRC/IRB/IACUC or other pre-approval?  Yes  No Tentative start date: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Is this a continuation/progression from a previous year?  Yes  No  
If Yes:
  - a. Attach the previous year's  Abstract **and**  Research Plan/Project Summary
  - b. Explain how this project is new and different from previous years on  Continuation/Research Progression Form (7)
7. This year's laboratory experiment/data collection:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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. List name and address of all non-home and non-school work site(s):  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone/  
email \_\_\_\_\_
10. **Complete a Research Plan/Project Summary following the Research Plan/Project Summary instructions and attach to this form.**
11. **An abstract is required for all projects after experimentation.**

# Research Plan/Project Summary Instructions

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

1. All projects must have a Research Plan/Project Summary
  - a. Written prior to experimentation following the instructions below to detail the rationale, research question(s), methodology, and risk assessment of the proposed research.
  - b. If changes are made during the research, 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.
  - c. If no changes are made from the original research plan, no project summary is required.
2. 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.
3. 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:
    - **Procedures:** Detail all procedures and experimental design including methods for data collection. Describe only your project. Do not include work done by mentor or others.
    - **Risk and Safety:** Identify any potential risks and safety precautions needed.
    - **Data Analysis:** Describe the procedures you will use to analyze the data/results.
  - d. **BIBLIOGRAPHY:** List major references (e.g. science journal articles, books, internet sites) from your literature review. If you plan to use vertebrate animals, one of these references must be an animal care reference.

Items 1–4 below are subject-specific guidelines for additional items to be included in your research plan/project summary as applicable.

## 1. Human participants research:

- a. **Participants:** Describe age range, gender, racial/ethnic composition of participants. Identify vulnerable populations (minors, pregnant women, prisoners, mentally disabled or economically disadvantaged).
- b. **Recruitment:** Where will you find your participants? How will they be invited to participate?
- c. **Methods:** What will participants be asked to do? Will you use any surveys, questionnaires or tests? What is the frequency and length of time involved for each subject?
- d. **Risk Assessment:** What are the risks or potential discomforts (physical, psychological, time involved, social, legal, etc.) to participants? How will you minimize risks? List any benefits to society or participants.
- e. **Protection of Privacy:** Will identifiable information (e.g., names, telephone numbers, birth dates, email addresses) be collected? Will data be confidential/anonymous? If anonymous, describe how the data will be collected. If not anonymous, what procedures are in place for safeguarding confidentiality? Where will data be stored? Who will have access to the data? What will you do with the data after the study?
- f. **Informed Consent Process:** Describe how you will inform participants about the purpose of the study, what they will be asked to do, 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 justification for use of vertebrates.
- b. Explain potential impact or contribution of this research.
- c. Detail all procedures to be used, including methods used to minimize potential discomfort, distress, pain and injury to the animals and detailed chemical concentrations and drug dosages.
- d. Detail animal numbers, species, strain, sex, age, source, etc., include justification of the numbers planned.
- e. Describe housing and oversight of daily care
- f. Discuss disposition of the animals at the termination of the study.

## 3. Potentially hazardous biological agents research:

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

## 4. Hazardous chemicals, activities & devices:

- Describe Risk Assessment process, supervision, safety precautions and methods of disposal.

# Approval Form (1B)

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

## 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 Intel ISEF Rules and Guidelines and will adhere to all International Rules when conducting this research.
- I have read and will abide by the following Ethics statement

**Scientific fraud and 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. Fraudulent projects will fail to qualify for competition in affiliated fairs and the Intel ISEF.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Acknowledged (mm/dd/yy)  
(Must be prior to experimentation.)

**b. Parent/Guardian Approval:** I have read and understand the risks and possible dangers involved in 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, vertebrates or potentially hazardous biological agents).

The SRC/IRB has carefully studied this project's **Research Plan/Project Summary** and all the required forms are 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/IRB approval.**

This project was conducted at a regulated research institution (**not home or high school, etc.**), was reviewed and approved by the proper institutional board before experimentation and complies with the Intel ISEF Rules. **Attach (1C) and any required institutional approvals (e.g. IACUC, IRB).**

\_\_\_\_\_  
SRC Chair's Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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

## 3. Final Intel 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 Intel ISEF Rules.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Regional SRC Chair's Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Approval

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Approval

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

This form must be completed AFTER experimentation by the adult supervising the student research 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)) after experimentation:

(Responses must remain on the form as it is required to be displayed at student's project booth.)

The student(s) conducted research at my work site:

1. Did you or your proxy (e.g. graduate student, postdoc, employee) mentor or provide substantial guidance to the student researcher?  Yes  No
  - a. If no, describe your and/or your institution's role with the student researcher and his/her project (e.g. supervised use of equipment on site without ongoing mentorship and sign below.
  - b. If yes, complete questions 2–5.
2. Is the student's research project a subset of your ongoing research or work?  Yes  No

Use questions 3, 4 and 5 to detail how the student's project was similar and/or different from ongoing research or work at your site.
3. Describe the independence and creativity with which the student:
  - a. developed the hypotheses or engineering goals for her/her research project
  - b. designed the methodology for his/her research project
  - c. analyzed and interpreted data
4. Detail the student's role in conducting the research (e.g. data collection, specific procedures performed). Differentiate what the student observed and what the student actually did.
5. Did the student(s) work on the project as part of a group?  Yes  No

If yes, how many individuals were in the group and who were they (e.g. high school students, graduate students, faculty, professional researchers)?

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Supervising Adult's Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Institution

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed (must be after experimentation)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

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

## Qualified Scientist Form (2)

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

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

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

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

- 1) Have you reviewed the Intel ISEF rules relevant to this project?  Yes  No
2. Will any of the following be used?
- a. Human participants  Yes  No
  - b. Vertebrate animals  Yes  No
  - c. Potentially hazardous biological agents (microorganisms, rDNA and tissues, including blood and blood products)  Yes  No
  - d. DEA-controlled substances  Yes  No
3. Was this study a sub-set of a larger study?  Yes  No
4. Will you directly supervise the student?  Yes  No
- a. If no, who will directly supervise and serve as the Designated Supervisor? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Experience/Training of the Designated Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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 Designated 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. I understand that a Designated Supervisor is required when the student is not conducting experimentation under my direct supervision.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Approval

### To be completed by the Designated 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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Designated Supervisor's Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Approval

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email

## 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 experimentation.)

Student's Name(s)	Title of Project
Adult Sponsor	Phone/Email
<b>Must be completed by Student Researcher(s) in collaboration with the Adult Sponsor/Designated Supervisor/Qualified Scientist:</b>	
1. <input type="checkbox"/> 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. <input type="checkbox"/> I have attached any surveys or questionnaires I will be using in my project or other documents provided to human participants. <input type="checkbox"/> Any published instrument(s) used was /were legally obtained.	
3. <input type="checkbox"/> I have attached an informed consent that I would use if required by the IRB.	
4. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No    Are you working with a Qualified Scientist? If yes, attach the Qualified Scientist Form 2.	

### BELOW - IRB 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
2. Qualified Scientist (QS) Required:                       Yes                       No
3. Designated Supervisor (DS) Required:                       Yes                       No
4. Written Minor Assent required for minor participants:
  - Yes                       No                       Not applicable (No minors in this study)
5. Written Parental Permission required for minor participants:
  - Yes                       No                       Not applicable (No minors in this study)
6. Written Informed Consent required for participants 18 years or older:
  - Yes                       No                       Not applicable (No participants 18 yrs or older in this study)

Approved with Expedited Review (1 signature required). Study involves either of the following:

- Human participants will only provide feedback on project design/student-designed invention or prototype. etc., no personal data will be collected and there are no health or safety hazards.
- Student is the only subject of the research and no more than minimal risk is involved.

**IRB SIGNATURES (All 3 signatures required unless expedited review checked above)** None of these individuals may be the adult sponsor, designated supervisor, qualified scientist or related to (e.g., mother, father of) the student (conflict 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, licensed social worker, licensed clinical professional counselor, physician's assistant, doctor of pharmacy, or registered nurse) with expertise related to this project.**

Printed Name	Degree/Professional License
Signature	Date of Approval (Must be prior to experimentation.)
<b>Educator</b>	
Printed Name	Degree
Signature	Date of Approval (Must be prior to experimentation.)
<b>School Administrator</b>	
Printed Name	Degree/Professional License
Signature	Date of Approval (Must be prior to experimentation.)

# 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, Designated 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 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 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 any 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Parental/Guardian Permission** (if applicable) Date Reviewed & Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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