

Research Project Categories

Animal Sciences
Behavioral & Social Sciences
Biochemistry *(senior division only)*
Cellular & Molecular Biology
Chemistry
Computer Sciences
Earth Sciences
Energy & Transportation
Engineering
Environmental Sciences
Mathematical Sciences
Medicine & Health Sciences
Microbiology
Physics & Astronomy
Plant Sciences
Team Projects

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SPONSOR/DONOR INFORMATION

Central NM Science & Engineering Research Challenge



*Make a Difference!
Encourage Excellence!
Motivate Future Leaders!
Be Part of Something BIG!*

**Become a supporter of the
Central NM Science & Engineering
Research Challenge**

*Promoting science & engineering
for junior & senior high
school students since 1959!*

Our Donors Build the Foundation & Future of Science Fair!

WHY DONATE/SPONSOR?

- ✓ **Make a positive impact on a large number of middle & high school students** in Albuquerque and surrounding communities!
- ✓ **Support and encourage students** interested in science, technology, engineering, & math!
- ✓ **Get great visibility for your organization!** You'll be recognized in our print materials, on our website, and on signage at the Fair itself. You can even have a booth set up during the Fair!
- ✓ **Help a grassroots, non-profit student outreach program continue to offer the best science fair in the state of NM!** We take pride in being the largest Intel ISEF affiliated "fair" in New Mexico. We work very hard to make sure it is coordinated and produced in a highly professional manner and that our student exhibitors as well as their teachers have an awesome experience before, during, and after the fair!
- ✓ **Get involved with a program that impacts over 6,000 students and hundreds of teachers across our region!** Make a difference, encourage excellence, and motivate the scientists, engineers, doctors, nurses, mathematicians, teachers, etc. of the future!

There are numerous ways for organizations to get involved and support Science Fair. The Central NM Science & Engineering Research Challenge is self-supporting for all expenses related to producing the fair each year. The University of New Mexico funds our two staff positions, temporary program staff during competition season, and office space, but we fund-raise everything else!

It takes an enormous amount of volunteer & staff time, energy, and passion as well as a healthy sense of humor to pull off a huge event like the Central NM Science & Engineering Research Challenge. Equally as important, it takes a good deal of money to put on such an event and make it not only successful in the eyes of participants, but also in the eyes of the community at large. Science Fairs offer awesome opportunities for students to delve into the worlds of science, technology, engineering, and math. Many of them come away from their science fair experiences committed to pursuing careers in science, engineering, healthcare, technology, math, etc.

You and/or your organization can be part of this amazing program! Come join our team...we'd love to have you!

CATEGORY SPONSORSHIP

For \$3,000, you or your organization can sponsor one of the science fair competition categories! The sponsorship covers all competition-related expenses for the category (*i.e. space rental, signage, cash prizes, certificates, security, table rental, staffing, etc.*). Category Sponsors receive benefits that include free advertising, print & website visibility, signage during the fair, opportunity to present the category awards, etc. Specific listing of Category Sponsorship Benefits is available upon request.

GENERAL SCIENCE FAIR SUPPORT

Unrestricted funds are critical to the successful operation of the Central NM Science & Engineering Research Challenge and help us pay for unsponsored expenses such as temporary employees in the weeks leading up to the Central NM SERC and during the competition, paper, office supplies, telephone/fax expenses, postage, computer/web support, etc. Donations for unrestricted funds are gratefully

accepted in any amount. Donors are recognized in a variety of ways dependent upon the size of their donation(s).

IN-KIND DONATIONS

In-Kind Donations are a wonderful way to help support the Central NM Science & Engineering Research Challenge, especially if your organization is low on funds, but really wants to help out. In-Kind Donations can be just about anything...paper, supplies, wish-list items, printing, mailings...you name it!

VOLUNTEERS & JUDGES

We ALWAYS need more volunteers and judges who can work during Science Fair! General volunteers (*i.e. registration tables, gophers, security, etc.*) should call our office for more information (505-277-4916).

Regional judges must have at least an undergraduate degree and some related experience to judge in the Senior Division. Undergraduate/Graduate students and/or non-degreed individuals will some related experience may apply to judge Junior Division (middle school) projects. Potential judges should visit our website at <http://stemed.unm.edu/JudgeInfo.aspx>. On the Judge Info page, click on the first link which will take you to the New & Continuing Judges' Form. The form can be filled out and submitted online...a quick and painless experience! We appreciate any gentle arm-twisting you can do to help us recruit regional judges! Please call, fax, or e-mail us with any questions you may have.

We thank you, in advance, for your support and generosity. Please feel free to call or email us at any time should you have any questions or require additional information.