

# Central NM Science & Engineering Research Challenge Categories

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



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# Student & Teacher Special Awards INFORMATION



**Central NM  
Science &  
Engineering  
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*Promoting science & engineering  
for junior & senior high school  
students since 1959!*

# Special Awards Create Excitement About Student Research!

## WHY SPECIAL AWARDS?

Public and private industry, civic organizations and individuals support the Central NM Science & Engineering Research Challenge through **SPECIAL STUDENT & TEACHER AWARDS**. Recognition of the incredibly hard work students and teachers put into getting ready for competition at the regional, state, and perhaps even international level is critical. This type of recognition helps to create excitement and spark continued interest in science, technology, engineering, & math education.

## STUDENT AWARDS

There are many appropriate special student awards for participants at our fair. These include scholarships, savings bonds, cash awards, expense-paid trips/seminars, trophies/plaques, tangible items (*i.e. computers, PDA's, backpacks, shirts, etc.*), books, subscriptions, letters of commendation, certificates, etc. Proposed special student awards are subject to review and approval by the University of New Mexico and must be age-appropriate. We ask Special Student Award Donors, whenever possible, to be responsible for delivering the award(s) to the recipient(s) within a reasonable amount of time after the fair. The Science Fair office will send you the names/addresses of all winners within 14 days after the fair.

**Scholarships** of \$100 or more may be held in a reserve account with the Science Fair for disbursement to the student upon entering college & providing proof of enrollment.

**Savings Bonds** cost 50% of their face value and start at a face value of \$50. Please note that donors that choose to give savings bonds as awards must order those bonds directly.

**Internships** are another great student award idea. In particular, high school students can be provided with excellent opportunities to explore career options and your organization can benefit from having the additional help over the summer, for example. These internships may be paid or unpaid depending upon the organization's desires and financial means.

## TEACHER AWARDS

The teacher/sponsors of student exhibitors work very hard to help their students prepare to compete in science fair at the local, regional, state, and perhaps even international levels. Teacher awards offer an opportunity to recognize all the energy, dedication, and time these teachers put in every day. Teacher awards can include, but are certainly not limited to, massages, books, expense-paid seminars/conferences, expense-paid trips (*i.e. to International Science & Engineering Fair*), weekend getaways, dinners, trophies, plaques, memberships, cash awards, briefcases, computers, PDA's...you name it!

## TROPHIES & PLAQUES

If you choose awards of this type and have arranged to have them presented at the Awards Assembly, the winner's name can be engraved on the name plate after the fair and then mailed or presented at your meeting with the winner.

## PRESENTING AWARDS

Some organizations present their award(s) at a regular or special meeting. It is a rewarding experience to show off your student winner, their teacher, and their parents. Many organizations, in the past, have held luncheons, dinners, or receptions in honor of their winners and asked them to explain their research during

the recognition event. Teacher winners may be asked to talk about their involvement with science fair and what it means to their students.

## JUDGING PANELS

We ask donors to furnish their own judges if at all possible. One person can do the judging or you may have as many as six (6) judges. Most panels have three (3) judges. If you cannot secure a judge panel, please contact the Science Fair office. The Albuquerque Science Teachers' Association graciously assists us in judging special awards that do not have their own judge panels. Judges must abide by the Science Fair's non-discrimination policy.

## ANNOUNCING THE WINNERS

Because of the absence of student names on projects, your judging panel may only know the project titles and exhibitor numbers of their selected winners. Therefore, the Science Fair office sends your organization the names, addresses, and Social Security numbers (only as required for awards such as savings bonds) of your winners with titles of the winning exhibits so donors may deliver the award(s) to the recipient(s). All winners' names and respective awards are published in the Albuquerque Journal usually the Sunday following the regional fair.

