

# Student Research Projects

## Is SRC or ACUC Approval Needed BEFORE I Start?

### IF YES,

#### DOES YOUR PROJECT INVOLVE...

- Asking your friends or other people questions?
- Experiments on yourself?
- Experiments with people in any way other than pure observation OR product testing of engineering projects?

**(HUMAN SUBJECTS – Additional forms required)**

#### DOES YOUR PROJECT INVOLVE...

- Your pet OR any other animals that have bones (except people)?
- **ALL** vertebrate animal protocols **must** be submitted to the Regional Fair Animal Care & Use Committee for PRIOR approval.

**(VERTEBRATE ANIMALS – Additional forms required)**

#### DOES YOUR PROJECT INVOLVE...

- Mold or fungus? Bacteria? Viruses? Anything that might make you sick? Cultured samples collected from the environment?
- DNA from one organism inserted into the DNA of another organism?
- Anything coming from a human or animal body? Cheek cells or other cells? Teeth? Bone? Fluids such as blood, saliva, or urine?

**(POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS BIOLOGICAL AGENTS – Additional forms required)**

#### DOES YOUR PROJECT INVOLVE...

- Any chemical such as household cleaners, solvents, metals, or organic chemicals?
- Model rockets?
- Lasers? UV Light? Radiation?
- Guns, Gunpowder, Explosives?
- Trebuchet? Potato Cannons? Archery?
- Anything else that might be considered dangerous or hazardous?
- Prescription drugs? Alcohol, wine, or beer? Cigarettes or other tobacco?
- Any product which cannot be legally purchased by students under age 18?

**(HAZARDOUS or CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES/DEVICES)**

**YOU MUST HAVE SRC/IRB or ACUC APPROVAL BEFORE STARTING EXPERIMENTATION.**

See <http://stemed.unm.edu> OR contact your Regional ISEF-Affiliated Fair office for more information & deadline dates for this year.

**You &/or your teacher MUST submit your paperwork for pre-approval by the Regional SRC/IRB Review Committee IF:**

Your project involves ANY type of Vertebrate Animals

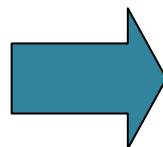
**OR**

Your school DOES NOT have it's own SRC/IRB for other types of projects requiring pre-approval.

### IF NO,

If your project **DOES NOT** involve Human Subjects, Vertebrate Animals, or Potentially Hazardous Biological Agents as described to the left, you **DO NOT** need SRC/ACUC approval before starting your project & may begin.

### IF YES,



**YOU MUST HAVE YOUR TEACHER/SCHOOL'S APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH THIS PROJECT.**

**You MUST complete ISEF Form 3 – Risk Assessment thoroughly & detail.**

**APPROPRIATE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS & ADULT SUPERVISION MUST BE IN PLACE.\*\***

**\*\*Inadequate safety measures or lack of appropriate supervision could result in disqualification of a project.\*\***