Intel International Science & Engineering Fair (ISEF) Forms Flowchart

Forms Required for ALL Projects:

Form 1: Checklist for Adult Sponsor  
Form 1A: Student Checklist  
Research Plan (attach separately)  
Form 1B: Approval Form  
Form 1C: Regulated Research Institution (if applicable)  
Form 7: Continuation/Research Progression Form (if applicable)

Be sure to check all appropriate boxes, obtain all required signatures w/ dates, and include projected start/end dates.

Remember that any project involving Humans, Vertebrate Animals, Potentially Hazardous Biological Agents, & some other projects require SRC/IRB Review Committee approval BEFORE experimentation can begin AND most likely require additional protocol paperwork as indicated below.

WHICH FORMS DO I NEED TO FILL OUT??

Choose the type of project the student is working on, then look under that box to determine which of the ISEF Protocol Forms are required. ALL projects requiring protocol paperwork at this level MUST receive SRC/IRB approval BEFORE work on the project begins.

If the project DOES NOT involve ANY of the areas listed below, the project does NOT require SRC/IRB approval OR any additional protocol paperwork beyond the above listed forms and the student may proceed with the project.

HUMAN SUBJECTS

- FORM 4 Human Subjects Form
- FORM 2 Qualified Scientist (if determined necessary by the SRC/IRB Review Committee based upon the identified risk level of the project)

VERTEBRATE ANIMALS

- FORM 5A Vertebrate Animals
- Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee (IACUC) approval required BEFORE experimentation.

POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS BIOLOGICAL AGENTS

- FORM 2 Qualified Scientist (if determined necessary by the risk level of the project)
- Student MUST have the following information:
  1. Copy of the Regulated Research Institution (e.g. UNM) IACUC Approval
  2. Title & Protocol Number of the IACUC Approved Project

HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS, ACTIVITIES, OR DEVICES

- FORM 2 Qualified Scientist (if determined necessary by the risk level of the project)
- FORM 3 Risk Assessment Form

REMEMBER...

Any project that requires protocol paperwork in addition to Forms 1, 1A, 1B, & Research Plan MUST be approved by a local/school or regional Scientific Review Committee/Institutional Review Board (SRC/IRB) BEFORE data collection can begin.

The ONLY EXCEPTION is local/school level approval for Hazardous Chemicals, Activities, or Devices MAY be obtained IF projects are very carefully reviewed for safety AND if students have a trained Designated Supervisor.

The Regional and State competitions reserve the right to disqualify projects that are not properly reviewed PRIOR to research/experimentation beginning as well as if inadequate supervision has been provided.

It is the teacher AND student’s responsibility to become VERY familiar with the Intel ISEF International Rules for Precollege Science Research in order to determine the appropriate forms to complete.