

# 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 ISEF Rules and Guidelines, including the science fair ethics statement.
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 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:
- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Humans             | <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Hazardous Biological Agents                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vertebrate Animals | <input type="checkbox"/> Microorganisms <input type="checkbox"/> rDNA <input type="checkbox"/> Tissues |
5. ☐ Items to be completed for **ALL PROJECTS**
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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Sponsor Checklist (1)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Research Plan/Project Summary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student Checklist (1A)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Approval Form (1B)            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regulated Research Institutional/Industrial Setting Form (1C) (when applicable; after completed experiment) |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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 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)
- ☐ Qualified Scientist Form (2) (required for projects involving DEA-controlled substances or when applicable)
- ☐ **Other**
- ☐ Risk Assessment Form (3)
- ☐ I attest to the information provided and that I have read and agree to abide by the science fair rules and regulations.

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

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 SRA/IRB/IACUC or other pre-approval? ☐ Yes ☒ No Teacher
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 year:  
☐ Continuation/Research Progression Form (7-10)
7. This year's experimentation/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. Source of Data:  
☐ Collected self/mentor ☐ Other Describe/url: \_\_\_\_\_
10. List the name and address of all non-home and non-school work sites where you worked there  
virtually or on-site:  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone/ email \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. **Complete a Research Plan/Project Summary following the Research Plan/Project Summary instructions and attach to this form.**
12. **An abstract is required for all projects after experimentation.**

Fit as much of the title as possible

This should be the **teacher** not the mentor

If the student has continued his/her project their poster should focus on the work from the current calendar year

This should be the date that the student started collecting data

NOTE this **NEW** field that should be filled out if appropriate



# Research Plan/Project Summary Instructions

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

- All projects must have a Research Plan/Project Summary
  - a. The Research Plan is to be 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.
    - 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.
    - 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, and when applicable, the source of data used. 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 data.
      - d. **BIBLIOGRAPHY:** List major references (e.g. science journal articles). If you plan to use vertebrate animals, one of these references must be included.

Items 1–4 below are subject-specific guidelines for additional items to be included in the Research Plan/Project Summary, if applicable.

## 1. Human participants research:

- a. **Participants:** Describe age range, gender, racial/ethnic composition, pregnant women, prisoners, mentally disabled or economically disadvantaged.
- b. **Recruitment:** Where will you find your participants? How will they be recruited?
- c. **Methods:** What will participants be asked to do? Will you use any surveys? Did it require permissions? If so, explain. What is the expected outcome?
- d. **Risk Assessment:** What are the risks or potential discomforts (physical or psychological) to participants? How will you minimize risks? List any benefits to society.
- e. **Protection of Privacy:** Will identifiable information (e.g., names, telephone numbers) be collected? Will data be confidential/anonymized? If anonymous, describe how this is achieved. Are there any safeguards in place for safeguarding confidentiality? Where will data be stored? How long will the data be stored after the study?
- f. **Informed Consent Process:** Describe how you will inform participants of the risks and benefits of the study, 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 a rationale for why your research requires the use of animals.
- b. Explain potential impact or contribution of this research.
- c. Detail all procedures to be used, including methods used to minimize pain and distress to animals and detailed chemical concentrations and drug dosages.
- d. Detail animal numbers, species, strain, sex, age, source, etc., include a justification for the number of animals.
- e. Describe housing and oversight of daily care.
- f. Discuss disposition of the animals at the end of the study.

## • Potentially hazardous biological agents research:

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

## 4. Hazardous chemicals, activities & devices:

- a. Describe Risk Assessment process, supervision, safety precautions and training.
- b. Material Safety Data Sheets are not necessary to submit with paperwork.

The research plan is the most important document because it provides the regional SRC board the necessary details of the planned research.

This detailed description of the research guides the SRC to be able to determine if the proper forms were completed and if they contain the correct information.

Must be VERY detailed and clearly delineate the role of the student vs. the role of the mentor

Entire Research Plan must be in FUTURE tense!!

Must include proposed and actual start and end dates

Must include detailed research plan  
Must have all work site information completed

Must identify student and mentor role

## 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 ISEF Rules and Guidelines and will adhere to all International Rules when conducting this research.
- I have read and will abide by the science fair ethics statement.

Student researchers are expected to maintain the highest standards of honesty and integrity. Misconduct is not condoned at any level of research or competition. Such practices include plagiarism, forgery, use or presentation of other researcher's work as one's own, and fabrication. Projects that violate these rules will fail to qualify for competition in affiliated fairs and 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 to my child of the proposed 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.)

This must be dated BEFORE the "Actual Start Date" on form 1A

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### 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, animals, or potentially biologically hazardous materials)

The SRC/IRB has reviewed the Research Plan/Project Summary and approved it. My signature indicates approval of the Research Plan/Project Summary before experimentation.

SRC/IRB Chair's

Signature

Date of Approval (mm/dd/yy)  
(Must be prior to experimentation.)

Do NOT write anything in this space unless you are the SRC/IRB Chair or Designee

OR

- #### b. Required for research conducted at an accredited institution with no prior SRC/IRB approval

This project was reviewed and approved by the proper institutional review and complies with the institutional approval process and any required regulations.

SRC Chair's

Signature

Date of Signature (mm/dd/yy)  
(May be after experimentation)

Do NOT write anything in this space

### 3. Final ISEF Affiliated Fair SRC Approval (Required for ALL Projects)

#### SRC Approval After Experimentation

I certify that this project adheres to the applicable SRC/IRB rules and complies with all ISEF Rules.

Regional SRC Chair's Printed Name

Date of Approval (mm/dd/yy)

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

Date of Approval (mm/dd/yy)

Do NOT write anything in this space



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

This form must be completed **AFTER** experimentation by the adult supervising the student research either virtually or on site, 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 be on the form as it is required to be displayed at student's project booth; please do not print double-sided.)

Research was supported 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) and sign below.

b. If yes, complete questions 2–5.

2. Is the student's research project a subset of your ongoing research? Use questions 3, 4 and 5 to detail how the student's project is different from ongoing research or work at your site. If this is to be acknowledged, please list the grant statement here.

3. Describe the independence and creativity with which the student:
- a. developed the hypotheses or engineering goals for the project

b. designed the methodology for his/her research project

c. analyzed and interpreted data

If any of the research was done at a standard research facility (college, pharmaceutical company, environmental testing facility, etc..) or a facility where advanced research is allowed (certain high schools or local labs) the 1C form IS required.

If the project is to be a data analysis only and the data is publicly available, then nothing else is needed

If data is covered by privacy rules/laws (ex. Patient data) or from a private source (ex. Proprietary data), then the student must show documentation of how the data became available and how/why they were allowed to view it and study it.

The best thing to do is have the mentor send a short letter on their letterhead explaining that there were no HIPAA violations. This is even if the data was de-identified.

See next page for  
more questions

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

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

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  
Were there other high school students present? If yes, please list the student names and describe how their work was related or different from the work of this project.

I attest that the student(s) performed the work as indicated above and that any required review and approval by institutional regulatory bodies (e.g. IRB, IACUC/IBC) has been obtained. Copies are attached if applicable. I acknowledge that the student(s) will be presenting this work publicly in competition and I release the student research from any requirements for my review and/or restrictions of work.

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed (must be after experimentation) (mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

This should be the  
**Mentor** NOT the teacher

This must be dated **AFTER**  
the "End Date" on form 1A

## Qualified Scientist Form (2)

May be required for research involving human participants, vertebrate animals, potentially hazardous biological agents, and hazardous substances and devices. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. Have you reviewed the ISEF rules relevant to this project and the science fair ethics statement 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. Hazardous substances and devices ☐ Yes ☐ No
3. Will this study be 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 (mm/dd/yy)

### To be completed by the Designated Supervisor when the Qualified Scientist cannot directly supervise.

I certify that I have reviewed and approved the Research Plan/Project Summary and have been trained in the necessary procedures to be used by this student, and I will provide supervision during the research.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email

This must be dated BEFORE the "Actual Start Date" on form 1A

If needed, this must be dated BEFORE the "Actual Start Date" on form 1A



## Risk Assessment Form (3)

**Must be completed before experimentation; recommended for all projects. May be required for projects involving Human Participants, Hazardous Chemicals, Materials or Devices or Potentially Hazardous Biological Agents.**

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

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

**To be completed by the Student Researcher(s) in collaboration with Designated Supervisor/Qualified Scientist:** (All questions must be answered; additional page(s) may be attached.)

1. Identify and assess the risks and hazards involved in this project.
2. a) List all hazardous chemicals, activities or devices to be used; b) identify and list all microorganisms to be used that are exempt from pre-approval (see Potentially Hazardous Biological Agent rules).
3. Describe the safety precautions and procedures that will be used to reduce the risks.
4. Describe the disposal procedures that will be used (when applicable).
5. List the source(s) of safety information.

**To be completed and signed by the Designated Supervisor (or Qualified Scientist, if applicable):**  
I agree with the risk assessment and safety precautions and procedures described above. I certify that I have read the Research Plan/Project Summary and the International Rules, including the science fair ethics statement, and will provide direct supervision.

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

Experience/Training as relates to the student's area of research \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Phone or email contact information \_\_\_\_\_

This must be dated **BEFORE** the "Actual Start Date" on form 1A



## 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 recruitment or data collection.)

Student's Name(s)

Title of Project

Adult Sponsor

Phone/Email

**MUST BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT RESEARCHER(S) IN COLLABORATION WITH THE ADULT SPONSOR/DESIGNATED SUPERVISOR/QUALIFIED SCIENTIST:**

- ☐ 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.
- ☐ I have attached any surveys or questionnaires I will be using in my project or other documents.  
☐ Any published instrument(s) used was /were legally obtained.
- ☐ I have attached an informed consent that I would use if required by the IRB.
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Are you working with a Qualified Scientist? If yes, attach the Qualified Scientist's signature.

Even though your school IRB may have given approval, the study must conform to all ISEF regulations

### 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.)**

This form is to be filled out by the SCHOOL IRB and not the regional science fair review committee (SRC). However, be sure that your school IRB is aware of the rules and limitations of student research projects. For more information and the full list of rules:  
<https://student.societyforscience.org/human-participants>

Notice that there is no more "expedited review" in this section

6. Written informed consent required for participants 18 years or older.  
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not applicable (No participants 18 yrs or older in this study)

**IRB SIGNATURES (All 3 signatures required)** 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 dated BEFORE the "Actual Start Date" on form 1A) (mm/dd/yy)

**Educator**

This CANNOT be the same teacher that signed as the "Adult Sponsor"

This must be dated BEFORE the "Actual Start Date" on form 1A

Printed Name

Degree/Professional License

Signature

Date of Approval (Must be dated BEFORE the "Actual Start Date" on form 1A) (mm/dd/yy)

**School Administrator**

Printed Name

Degree/Professional License

Signature

Date of Approval (Must be dated BEFORE the "Actual Start Date" on form 1A) (mm/dd/yy)

This must be dated BEFORE the "Actual Start Date" on form 1A

This must be dated BEFORE the "Actual Start Date" on form 1A

# 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 information about the project. If you would like to participate, please sign in the appropriate area.

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 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
(mm/dd/yy)

Research Participant Printed Name:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Parental/Guardian Permission (if applicable)

Date Reviewed & Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(mm/dd/yy)

Parent/Guardian Printed Name:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

This is just an example of a consent form.  
You MUST submit a copy of whatever  
consent form was used. If the survey was  
done online, submit a copy of all of the  
survey consent questions used as a part of that  
survey



## Vertebrate Animal Form (5A)

Required for all research involving vertebrate animals that is conducted in a school/home/field research site.  
(SRC approval required before experimentation.)

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

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

### To be completed by Student Researcher:

1. Common name (or Genus, species) and number of animals used.
2. Describe completely the housing and husbandry to be provided. Include the cage/pen size, number of animals per cage, environment, bedding, type of food, frequency of food and water, how often animal is observed, etc. Add an additional page as necessary.
3. What will happen to the animals after experimentation?
4. Attach a copy of wildlife licenses or approval forms, as applicable
5. The ISEF Vertebrate Animal Rules require that any death, illness or unexpected weight loss be investigated and documented by a letter from the qualified scientist, designated supervisor or a veterinarian. If applicable, attach this letter with this form when submitting your paperwork to the SRC prior to competition.

### To be completed by Local or Affiliate Fair Scientific Review Committee (SRC) BEFORE experimentation.

#### Level of Supervision Required for agricultural, behavioral or nutritional studies (select one):

- ☐ Designated Supervisor REQUIRED. Please have applicable person sign below.
- ☐ Veterinarian and Designated Supervisor REQUIRED. Please have applicable persons sign below.
- ☐ Veterinarian, Designated Supervisor and Qualified Scientist REQUIRED. Please have applicable persons sign below and have the Qualified Scientist complete Form (2).

The SRC has carefully reviewed this study and finds it is an appropriate study that may be conducted in a non-regulated research site.

#### Local or Affiliate Fair SRC Pre-Approval Signatures:

SRC Chair Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Approval (must be before start of experimentation) (mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_\_

#### To be completed by Veterinarian:

- ☐ I have reviewed this research and animal care with the student before the start of experimentation.
- ☐ I have approved the use and dosages of drugs and/or nutritional supplements.
- ☐ I will provide veterinary medical and emergency care in case of illness or emergency. (Fees \_\_\_\_\_)

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email/Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Approval (mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_\_

#### To be completed by Designated Supervisor and Qualified Scientist when applicable:

- ☐ I have reviewed this research and animal care with the student before the start of experimentation and accept primary responsibility for the care of the animals in this project.
- ☐ I will directly supervise the student.

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email/Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Approval (mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_\_

This must be dated BEFORE the "Actual Start Date" on form 1A

This must be dated BEFORE the "Actual Start Date" on form 1A



## Vertebrate Animal Form (5B)

Required for all research involving vertebrate animals that is conducted in at a Regulated Research Institution. (IACUC approval required before experimentation. Form must be completed and signed after experimentation.)

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

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

Title and Protocol Number of IACUC Approved Project \_\_\_\_\_

You MUST include a copy of the actual IACUC form with the protocol number

### To be completed by Qualified Scientist or Principal Investigator:

1. Species of animals used: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of animals used: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Describe, in detail, the role of the student in this project: animal procedures and related equipment that were involved, oversight provided and safety precautions employed. (Attach extra pages if necessary.)

3. Was there any weight loss or death of any animal? If yes, attach a letter obtained from the qualified scientist, designated supervisor or a veterinarian documenting the situation and the results of the investigation.

4. Did the student's project also involve the use of tissues?

☐

No

☐

Yes; complete Forms 6A and 6B

5. What laboratory training, including dates, was provided to the student?

6. Attach a copy of the Regulated Research Institution IACUC Approval. A letter from the Qualified Scientist or Principal Investigator is not sufficient.

This must be dated **AFTER** the "End Date" on form 1A

Qualified Scientist/Principal Investigator

Printed Name

Signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

# Potentially Hazardous Biological Agents Risk Assessment Form (6A)

Required for research involving microorganisms, rDNA, fresh/frozen tissue (including primary cell lines, human and other primate established cell lines and tissue cultures), blood, blood products and body fluids.  
SRC/IACUC/IBC approval required before experimentation.

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

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

To be completed by the **QUALIFIED SCIENTIST/DESIGNATED SUPERVISOR** in collaboration with the student researcher(s). All questions are applicable and must be answered; additional page(s) may be attached.

## SECTION 1: PROJECT ASSESSMENT

1. Identify potentially hazardous biological agents to be used in this experiment. Include the source, quantity and the biosafety level risk group of each microorganism.
2. Describe the site of experimentation including the level of biological containment.
3. Describe the procedures that will be used to minimize risk (personal protective equipment, hood type, etc.).
4. What final biosafety level do you recommend for this project given the risk assessment you conducted?
5. Describe the method of disposal of all cultured materials and other potentially hazardous biological agents.

## SECTION 2: TRAINING

1. What training will the student receive for this project?
2. Experience/training of Designated Supervisor as it relates to the student's area of research (if applicable).

## SECTION 3: For ALL CELL LINES, MICROORGANISMS AND TISSUES – To be completed by the QUALIFIED SCIENTIST or DESIGNATED SUPERVISOR - Check the appropriate box(es) below:

- ☐ Experimentation on the microorganisms/cell lines/tissues to be used in this study will NOT be conducted at a Regulated Research Institution, but will be conducted at a (check one) ☐ BSL-1 or ☐ BSL-2 laboratory (include a copy of the checklist for BSL-2). [This study has been reviewed by the local SRC and the procedures have been approved prior to experimentation.]
- ☐ Experimentation on the microorganisms/cell lines/tissues to be used in this study will be conducted at a Regulated Research Institution and was approved by the appropriate Institutional Review Board prior to experimentation; institutional approval forms are attached.  
Origin of cell lines: \_\_\_\_\_ SRC/IACUC/IBC approval \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Experimentation on the microorganisms/cell lines/tissues to be used in this study will be conducted at a Regulated Research Institution, which does not have an Institutional Review Board. This type of study. The SRC has seen and approved the research plan and supporting documentation. The SRC acknowledges the accuracy of the responses above.

## CERTIFICATION – To be SIGNED by the QUALIFIED SCIENTIST or DESIGNATED SUPERVISOR

The QS/DS has seen this project's research plan and supporting documentation and acknowledges the accuracy of the information provided above. This study has been approved as a (check one) ☐ BSL-1/ ☐ BSL-2 study, and will be conducted in an appropriate laboratory.

QS/DS Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

## SECTION 4: CERTIFICATION

The SRC has seen this project's research plan and supporting documentation and acknowledges the accuracy of the information provided.

SRC Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Do NOT write  
anything in this space**

## Human and Vertebrate Animal Tissue Form (6B)

Required for research involving fresh/frozen tissue (including primary cell lines, human and other primate established cell lines and tissue cultures), blood, blood products and body fluids. If the research involves living organisms please ensure that the proper human or animal forms are completed. **All projects using any tissue listed above must also complete Form 6A.**

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

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

### To be completed by Student Researcher(s):

1. What vertebrate animal tissue will be used in this study? Check all that apply.
  - ☐ Fresh or frozen tissue sample
  - ☐ Fresh organ or other body part
  - ☐ Blood
  - ☐ Body fluids
  - ☐ Primary cell/tissue cultures
  - ☐ Human or other primate established cell lines
2. Where will the above tissue(s) be obtained? If using an established cell line include source and catalog number.
3. If the tissue will be obtained from a vertebrate animal study conducted at a research institution attach a copy of the IACUC certification with the name of the research institution, the title of the study, the IACUC approval number and a copy of IACUC approval.

### To be completed by the Qualified Scientist or Designated Supervisor:

- ☐ I verify that the student will work solely with organs, tissues, cultures or cells that will be supplied by myself or qualified personnel from the laboratory; and that if vertebrate animals were euthanized the animals were euthanized for a purpose other than the student's research.
- AND/OR**
- ☐ I certify that the blood, blood products, tissues or body fluids in this project will be handled in accordance with the standards and guidance set forth in U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Act, 29CFR, Subpart J, Section 1910.103, Blood Borne Pathogens.

This must be dated **BEFORE**  
the "Actual Start Date"  
on form 1A

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

Title \_\_\_\_\_

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

Institution \_\_\_\_\_



## Continuation/Research Progression Projects Form (7)

Required for projects that are a continuation/progression in the same field of study as a previous project. This form must be accompanied by the previous year's abstract and Research Plan/Project Summary.

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

**To be completed by Student Researcher:** List all components of the current project that make it a continuation/progression of previous research. The information must be on the form; use an additional form for previous years' work.

If the project has been carried out (partially) before the start of 2022

Components	Current Research Project	Previous Research
1. Title		
2. Change in goal/purpose/objective		
3. Changes in methodology		
4. Variable studied		
5. Additional changes		

Continuation projects **MUST** include this form. For the immediately prior year, researcher **MUST** include BOTH the Abstract & Research Plan. For any years farther back, the researcher **MUST** include the Abstract for each additional prior year's work.

**FOR ALL projects that were conducted / began before January 1<sup>st</sup> 2022**

Attached are:

☐ Abstract and Research Plan/Project Summary, Year \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that the above information is correct and that the current year Abstract & Certification and project display board properly reflect work done only in the current year.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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