

Registration must be received with originals of all required forms attached on or before February 20, 2004. Please do NOT fax forms. FORMS MUST BE LEGIBLE. Forms can be downloaded from PRSEF website.

1. TITLE OF PROJECT \_\_\_\_\_  
*(titles of more than 30 characters must be abbreviated)*

2. CATEGORIES (refer to next two pages for descriptions, CHECK ONLY ONE)

**Junior Division (Grade 6)**

Physical Science                       Life Science                       Consumer Science

**Intermediate Division (Grades 7 & 8)**

Behavioral & Social Science                       Biology                       Chemistry  
 Computer Science/Math                       Consumer Science                       Earth/Space/Environment  
 Engineering/Robotics                       Medicine & Health/Microbiology                       Physics

**Senior Division (Grades 9 - 12)**

Behavioral & Social Science                       Biology                       Chemistry  
 Computer Science/Math                       Earth/Space/Environment                       Engineering/Robotics  
 Medicine & Health/Microbiology                       Physics

I am submitting a Preliminary ISEF application

3. STUDENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Student's birth date \_\_\_\_\_ Student's email address \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

*(to collect cash award, you must include your social security number)*

How many years have you participated in PRSEF (this science fair), including 2004? \_\_\_\_\_

4. SPONSORING TEACHER

*(Note: if you are submitting more than one student registration for your school, complete this section ONCE per school.)*

Sponsoring Teacher Name\* \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's School Phone \_\_\_\_\_ # of years of participation, including 2004? \_\_\_\_\_

*\*A teacher from the student's school must act as a sponsor. In addition, students may have an adult mentor/sponsor.*

5. CERTIFICATION

We certify that this student's project/exhibit is entirely the work of the student only with no help other than advice from the sponsor, parents or others. We agree that all judges' decisions are final and non-negotiable. We agree to abide by the rules of the 2004 PRSEF, and understand this project can be disqualified for any violations. We understand research plans/abstracts may be published. We agree to have the Science Fair Office release the student's mailing address to colleges that partner with the Science fair.

Student's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Original Student's Registration form MUST be submitted with ORIGINALS of ALL REQUIRED FORMS, including ABSTRACT FORM – please keep copies of all forms.**

6. MAIL TO: PRSEF, Carnegie Science Center, One Allegheny Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15212-5850.

Contact the Science Fair office 412/237-1534

WEBSITE: [www.pittsburghsciencefair.org](http://www.pittsburghsciencefair.org)



# Checklist for Adult Sponsor / Safety Assessment Form (1)

This completed form is required for ALL projects and must be completed prior to experimentation

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

- 1)  The student and a parent / guardian have signed the **Approval Form (1B)**.
- 2)  I have reviewed the **Research Plan (1A)**, **Research Plan Attachment** and signed **Approval Form (1B)**.
- 3)  This project involves the following area(s) and requires **SRC/IRB approval** before experimentation begins:
  - Human Subjects**
  - Controlled Substances**
  - Non-Human Vertebrate Animals**
  - Recombinant DNA**
  - Pathogenic Agents\***
  - Human or Non-Human Vertebrate Animal Tissue**

\* All bacteria, fungi, etc. isolated from the environment should be considered potentially pathogenic.

- 4)  This project does not involve any of the research areas listed in #3.
- 5)  This project involves human subjects. The student will obtain approval from an **Institutional Review Board (IRB)** before experimentation is started. (See pp. 14-16.)
- 6)  This project involves non-human vertebrate animals, pathogenic agents, controlled substances, recombinant DNA, or human and animal tissue. The student will obtain approval from a **Scientific Review Committee (SRC)** before experimentation is started. (See pp. 17-25.)
- 7)  This project involves the hazardous substances or devices checked below. A Designated Supervisor will provide proper supervision to the student. Prior approval by the adult sponsor and certification by a designated supervisor is required. (See p. 28.)
  - Chemicals** (*i.e.*, hazardous, flammable, explosive or highly toxic; carcinogens; mutagens and all pesticides). I have reviewed with the student the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) Listing for each chemical that will be used. I have also reviewed the proper safety standards for each chemical including toxicity data, proper handling techniques, and disposal methods. For *Safety in Academic Chemistry Laboratories*, visit the American Chemical Society's website at <http://pubs.acs.org>.
  - Equipment** (*i.e.*, welders; lasers; voltage greater than 220 volts). I have reviewed with the student the proper operational procedures and safety precautions for the equipment to be used by the student. For information about laser standards and research, visit the OSHA website at [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov).
  - Firearms**. I have reviewed with the student the proper safety standards for firearms use.
  - Radioactive Substances**. I have reviewed the proper safety standards for each radioactive substance the student will use.
  - Radiation** (*i.e.*, x-ray or nuclear; unshielded ionizing radiation of 100-400 nm wavelength). I have reviewed with the student the proper safety methods concerning the type of radiation the student will use.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Review  
(Must be prior to experimentation.)

# Research Plan (1A)

This completed form is required for ALL projects.

Type or print all information requested.

Answer all questions and complete Research Plan Attachment

- 1) Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Title of Project \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Adult Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Is this a continuation from a previous year?  Yes  No  
**If Yes:** a) Attach the previous year's **abstract & completed 1A & research plan** and  
b) Explain how this project is new and different from previous years on **Continuation Form (7)**
- 5) **This year's** laboratory experiment/data collection will begin: (must be stated (mm/dd/yy))  
Projected Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Projected End Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
ACTUAL Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ ACTUAL End Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) Where will you conduct your lab work? (check all that apply)  Research Institution  School  Field  Home
- 7) Name, address & phone of school and work site(s):  
School: \_\_\_\_\_ Work site: \_\_\_\_\_ Work site: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 8) **All projects require completed forms: Checklist for Adult Sponsor/Safety Assessment Form (1), Research Plan (1A), Research Plan Attachment and Approval Form (1B) and may require Registered Research Institutional/Industrial Setting Form (1C).**

Check **ALL** items that apply to your research.

**The following areas require review and approval by SRC or IRB prior to experimentation :**

- Humans** (requires prior IRB approval; complete Forms: Checklist, 1A, 1B, 4 [1C, 2, 3, if required])  
 **Non-Human Vertebrate Animals** (requires prior SRC approval, complete Forms: Checklist, 1A, 1B, 2, 5 [1C, 3, if required])  
 **Recombinant DNA** (requires prior SRC approval, complete Forms: Checklist, 1A, 1B [2, 3, 1C, as required])  
 **Pathogens** (requires prior SRC approval; complete Forms: Checklist, 1A, 1B, 2 [1C, 3, if required])  
 **Controlled Substances** (requires prior SRC approval; complete Forms: Checklist, 1A, 1B, 2 [1C, 3, if required])  
 **Human/Animal Tissue** (requires prior SRC approval; complete Forms: Checklist, 1A, 1B, 6 [1C, 2, if required])

**This area requires approval by a Designated Supervisor prior to experimentation:**

- Hazardous Substances or Devices** (complete Forms: Checklist, 1A, 1B, 3 [1C, if required])

- 9) **Complete Research Plan Attachment (See page 31) and attach to this form.**

- 10) **An abstract is required for all projects after experimentation (see page 27).**

# Research Plan Attachment

REQUIRED for ALL Projects

A complete research plan must accompany Research Plan Form (1A)

Additional pages may be attached

Student Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Provide a typed research plan and attach to Research Plan Form (1A).

The research plan is to include the following:

**A. Question being addressed**

**B. Hypothesis/Problem/Engineering Goals**

**C. Description in detail of method or procedures (including chemical concentrations and drug dosages)**

For human research, include survey or questionnaires if used, and critically evaluate the risk. See instructions for human research on p. 14 of the Rules. **For nonhuman vertebrate animal research, you must briefly discuss POTENTIAL ALTERNATIVES and present a detailed justification of use of nonhuman vertebrate animals.** See instructions on p. 19 of the International Rules.

**D. Bibliography**

List at least three major references (*e.g.*, science journal articles, books, internet sites) from your library research. If you plan to use non-human vertebrate animals, give an additional animal care reference.

# Approval Form (1B)

This completed form is required for ALL projects.

## 1) REQUIRED FOR ALL PROJECTS.

- a) **Student Acknowledgment:** I understand the risks and possible dangers to me of the proposed **Research Plan (1A)**. I will adhere to all International Rules when conducting this research.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Acknowledged

(Must be prior to experimentation.)

- b) **Parent/Guardian Approval:** I have read and understand the risks and possible dangers involved in the **Research Plan (1A)** and **Attachment**. I consent to my child participating in this research.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian's Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Approval

(Must be prior to experimentation.)

- c) **Adult Sponsor Approval:** I have read the **Research Plan (1A)** and **Attachment** prior to experimentation and reviewed the **Checklist for Adult Sponsor** with the student. I agree to sponsor the student named above and assume reasonable responsibility for compliance with all International ISEF Rules as they pertain to the **Research Plan (1A)**.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Approval

(Must be prior to experimentation.)

## 2) REQUIRED FOR PROJECTS REQUIRING SRC/IRB APPROVAL. SIGN 2a OR 2b AS APPROPRIATE.

- a) **Required for projects that need prior SRC/IRB approval BEFORE experimentation** (i.e., see Item #8 on Form 1A.)

The SRC/IRB has carefully studied this project's **Research Plan (1A) and Attachment** and all the required forms are included. My signature indicates approval of the **Research Plan (1A)** before the student begins experimentation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SRC/IRB Chair's Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Approval

(Must be prior to experimentation.)

OR

- b) **Required for research conducted at all Registered Research Institutions with no prior fair SRC approval.**

This project was conducted at a registered research institution (**not home or high school**) and was not previewed and approved by the fair SRC before experimentation, but it does comply with the International Rules. **Attach (1C) and required institutional approvals (e.g. IACUC, IRB)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
SRC/IRB Chair's Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Approval

**NOTE:** If a stamp is used, it must be initialed by the chairperson.

## 3) FINAL ISEF AFFILIATED FAIR SRC APPROVAL. (REQUIRED FOR ALL PROJECTS)

### SRC Approval After Experimentation and Shortly Before Competition at Regional/State/National Fair

I certify that this project adheres to the approved **Research Plan (1A)** and **Attachment** and complies with all International Rules.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Regional SRC Chair's Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Approval

\_\_\_\_\_  
State/National SRC Chair's Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Approval

(where applicable)



# Human and Non-Human Vertebrate Animal Tissue Form (6)

Required for all projects using viable fresh tissue, organs, human or animal parts, including blood, blood products, teeth, primary cell cultures, and body fluids (plant tissue is excluded).  
(SRC approval required before experimentation.)

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

## To be completed by Student Researcher:

1) What tissue(s), organ(s), or part(s) will be used?

2) Human or animal material:

a) Where will the above tissue, organ, or part be obtained (identify each separately)

b) If to be obtained from an animal source, will the animal be euthanized?  Yes  No  
If yes, please explain why.

## To be completed by provider of tissue if tissue is obtained from a noncommercial source:

a) Human blood and blood products will be tested and documented free of AIDS and hepatitis B and C antibodies and antigens. Human teeth will be certified free of blood and blood products.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Certifying Authority's Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed

**OR**

b) I certify that tissues and fluids in this project will be handled in accordance with the standards and guidance set forth in Occupational Safety and Health Act, 29CFR, Subpart Z, 1910.1030 - Blood Borne Pathogens.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Qualified Scientist's Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed

I certify that the above listed materials will be provided by me and that the student listed will not be involved in the direct acquisition of the samples provided or purchased.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed

(Must be prior to experimentation.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Institution

This completed form is REQUIRED for ALL projects and MUST be completed following experimentation and submitted on or before February 20, 2004.

**NOTE: An electronic copy must be submitted to [abstracts@csc.clpgh.org](mailto:abstracts@csc.clpgh.org). Include the abstract in the body of the e-mail, NOT as an attachment. Please include Student's Name, Teacher's Name and School in the e-mail.**

Project Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (will be completed by PRSEF)

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Category: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTRACT: (maximum of 100 words – must use this form)

### Instructions for completing the Abstract form

After finishing research and experimentation, you are required to write a 100 word (maximum), one page abstract. The completed abstract form MUST be submitted on or before FEBRUARY 20, 2004.

Please note that PRSEF sponsor judges have requested student abstracts for their review prior to the fair competition day. YOUR PROJECT NUMBER WILL BE ASSIGNED TO YOUR ABSTRACT BY PRSEF. DO NOT SHOW YOUR NAME OR NAME OF SCHOOL ANYWHERE ON THE ABSTRACT FORM.

The abstract should include:

- a) purpose of the experiment
- b) procedures used,
- c) data, and
- d) conclusions

It may also include any possible research applications.

An abstract should not include:

- a) acknowledgements, or
- b) work or procedures done by the mentor.

