



STUDENT REGISTRATION & WHAT TO DO

The Foundation has received a handful of questions about why you have to turn in registration so early. We would like to clear some confusion!

Registration does NOT mean that you have completed your project. It doesn't even mean that you have started your experimentation! In fact, registration should ONLY mean that you have a plan.

That's right! Registration is simple! You need to have your plan and your research complete for your experiment or your engineering design and voilà you can enter into the Regional STEM Fair.

According to our rules and regulations, you need to turn in this information to us early so that we can run it by our experts in the Scientific Review Committee (SRC). They review ALL projects to ensure that you are not going to hurt yourself or others! *Remember: Project boards do NOT need to be completed until the actual Fair day, March 25, 2017.*

So what are you waiting for? Tell us your plan and enter the STEM Fair! Please feel free to contact us at sacSTEMfair@sacSTEMfair.org or at (916) 441-3150 with any questions or concerns about the registration deadlines or about the process.

[CLICK HERE](#) to register for the **COMPETITIVE DIVISION**.

OR

[CLICK HERE](#) to register for the **SHOWCASE DIVISION**.

THE JUDGING PROCESS

We know that it can sound scary, but being interviewed by STEM judges isn't so bad! The judges who volunteer for the Sacramento Regional STEM Fair are local professional scientists, engineers and technology experts - they're from Northern California, just like you! The Foundation has heard that judging can be confusing to new students participating in the Fair and we wanted to make sure to clear up the confusion before the day of the event. We've heard rumors - but, trust us, being interviewed by more judges is NOT an indication of a high score. Students will not know how many times they have been judged by category award judges - the reason? We have SO many different kinds of judges: category award judges, special

orientation which takes place on Friday night before the Fair. At this Orientation, they are also given their basic assignments so they can preview the projects they will be judging the next day. All judges will have a colored name tag around their neck, but they will not say what KIND of judge they are.

Be sure that you are speaking with judges during the judging hours - parents and public attendees are NOT allowed in the project rooms because we want to make sure that everyone gets a fair chance at presenting to their judges without assistance or distractions.

Overall, the judging process happens quickly with a whirlwind of people approaching

2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ALL January - Contact the NorCal STEM Education Foundation for in-class presentations and help with registration!

January 16 - **NEW DEADLINE FOR STUDENT REGISTRATION**

February 10 - Judge & General Volunteer Registration Due

February 24 - Pin Design Contest Closes

February 24 - Final Exhibitor Registration Due

March 24 - Project Drop Off and Set up day

March 25 - Sacramento Regional STEM Fair and College & Career Expo at American River College

DONATE TO THE FOUNDATION WHILE SHOPPING FOR GROCERIES!

Do you shop at Raley's, Bel-Air, or Nob Hill? If so, please join the Extra Credit program for the Sacramento Regional Science and Engineering Fair Foundation. [See instructions on how to sign up here.](#) It's all online and just takes a few simple clicks to support the Foundation!

ARE YOU A STATE WORKER LOOKING TO DONATE THROUGH "OUR PROMISE" (formerly CSECC)?

The donation website for "Our Promise" has been taken offline, but state employees can still make their donations the old-fashioned way! The Sacramento Regional Science & Engineering Fair Foundation (dba NorCal STEM Education Foundation) hopes you will elect to donate to our organization. We've even prepared the form for you with our information to make it simple. Use the Our Promise form with our information [here](#).

THANK YOU TO OUR NEW SPONSOR

The NorCal STEM Education Foundation would like to thank

award judges, tie breaker judges, grand prize award judges, and final review judges! Your category judges will typically interview you in teams of 2 or 3; however, if your project qualifies for a special award, you could have multiple teams of judges approach you! To see a typical list of our Special Awards to see if you can identify which you would likely qualify for, please visit: sacSTEMfair.org/awards.

Our judges are given name tags during their

your projects. Remember - don't try to count the judges to determine if you are doing being judged because you might need one or more tie breaker judges who come in later than the rest! You also want to make sure to stick around to enable ALL special award judges a chance to see you in action at your project.

We hope this clears up some confusion and we look forward to seeing you at the Fair!

EXHIBITORS' MARKETING TOOLKIT AVAILABLE

The NorCal STEM Education Foundation invites local and regional partners to attend and exhibit at the College & Career Expo in tandem with the Sacramento Regional STEM Fair! All exhibitors are welcome - STEM exhibits and showcases are encouraged.

Exhibits are always open to the public and be visited by the region's students, parents, teachers and more! Join us for the event - a great way to reach out and market!

We're committed to helping you make your College & Career Expo experience as profitable and productive to your business as possible -

that's why we've created this Marketing Tool Kit designed to help you promote your participation, build brand awareness and drive increased traffic to your exhibit. The Kit is loaded with everything you need to promote both our event and your presence at the show.

Take advantage of the marketing items below and maximize your time at the 2017 College & Career Expo!

Social Media

Are you on Twitter? Follow [@sacstemfair](https://twitter.com/sacstemfair) and tweet about your presence at the 2017 event. Be sure to use [#sacSTEMfair](https://twitter.com/sacstemfair) in your promotions!

Logos & Banner Ads

Use logos or banner ads on your website, in email communications, or in printed materials to promote your presence at the 2017 NorCal STEM Education Foundation College & Career Expo. Please link all logos to www.sacSTEMfair.org. If you require a different format or size, please contact staff.

Video Showcase

We always welcome the opportunity to highlight speakers and exhibitors who are participating at the CCE. Please contact Nadia Compton if you are interested in sending in a video. This is a great and engaging way to promote before and after the event!



The Regional STEM Mentoring Program

Great minds follow great mentors! The Regional STEM Mentoring (RSM) program provides a foundation for students to build hands-on skills, receive advice, and grow into independent

individuals ready to jump-start their careers. The RSM program dedicates itself to opening the minds of students to pursue greater STEM careers with a passion for what they want to do. Students who go through the program emerge better equipped for the STEM workforce and their future careers! Please visit our website for more information and to sign up for this amazing experience:

[Learn about the Mentoring Program!](#)

PIN DESIGN CONTEST OPEN

Do you consider yourself somewhat of an artist? If so, we want YOU to help us design our 2018 STEM Fair pin! Each year, the NorCal STEM Education Foundation provides pins to participants at the Sacramento Regional STEM Fair to commemorate the event. These pins travel with the winners who go on to compete in the Intel International Science & Engineering Fair and are traded among competitors from all over the world! Imagine YOUR design traveling to Europe, Asia, even Australia!



for their generous in-kind donation! The Habit Burger Grill donated to the Foundation at the tail end of 2016 and for that we thank them!

SCIENCE SPOTLIGHT

Have you enjoyed our Science Spotlight features during 2016? Interested in what you might have missed? Check out ScienceMag for a recap of

Science news in 2016!

[#ScienceNews](#)

SCHOLARSHIPS

Edison Scholars Program - \$40,000 (over 4 years)

The 2017 Edison Scholars Program is available for current high school students who are planning to study in Science, Technology, Engineering or Math and have achieved cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale or the equivalent.

Application Deadline: February 1, 2017

Award: \$40,000 (paid over four years)

Click here for more details: [#EdisonScholars](#)

OTHER COMPETITIONS

Toshiba/NSTA ExploraVision Science Competition

The 2017 Toshiba/NSTA ExploraVision Science Competition is available for the U.S. K-12 students who engage in the next generation real-world problem solving with a strong emphasis on STEM. Students must be no older than 21 years of age.

Eligibility: K-12 students

Application Deadline: February 6, 2017

Award: First prize and second prize worth of \$10,000 and \$5000

[Application Link HERE](#)

C-SPAN'S StudentCam Video Documentary Competition

This annual national video documentary competition is for students in grades 6 through 12, where individual or teams of up to three students create a short video documentary on the theme "The Three Branches and You." Each documentary should demonstrate how a policy, law, or action by either the executive, legislative, or judicial branch has affected the applicant's community. Prizes awarded to middle school and high school student winners and their teacher advisors or schools. Although not required, a teacher or other school staff member may advise a student or team. Awards amounts vary.

Eligibility: Grades 6-12

Application Deadline: January 20, 2017

[Application Link HERE](#)

The contestants for the Pin Design Competition will be featured on-site at the 2018 Sacramento Regional STEM Fair and the winner will be named at the Awards Ceremony.

Rules to Enter:

All designs should be scalable (submitted in EPS format) and visually appealing when reduced to 1 1/2 x 1 1/2 inches. Designs will be displayed in color in two sizes for voting. Designs will be shown in a print area of 4x6 inches alongside a pin preview thumbnail of 1 1/2 x 1 1/2 inches. Pin designs should state "2018" and "Sacramento Regional STEM Fair." The chosen pin is subject to change to reflect the name of the 2018 Fair.

Individual submissions only. Contest is limited to students in grades 5-12 who reside in the NorCal STEM Education Foundation's service area.

To learn more, [visit our website](#).



Past Pin Designs

Get Social with us!

