Frequently Asked Questions:

1) What are the deadlines?

May 8th: STEM and art projects
May 8th: Sign-ups for judges, volunteers, and sponsors
On May 13th, our fair and award ceremony will begin at 10 AM and end by noon.

2) Who can participate in the competition?

Students in grades 6-12 from DC public schools, public charter schools, private and parochial schools, and home schools may participate in the competition.

3) What types of projects are allowed?

Students can submit one project (STEM or art) with a maximum of three students per project. Students can submit a project already completed earlier in the school year. Project categories are listed on the next page.

4) How do I register?

There are two required Google Forms: (1) registration form and (2) media release. Both are available on www.DC4STEM.org. The registration form requires a title, summary, project files, and student demographic information (e.g., name(s), grade level(s), and Universal Student Identifier or USI).
# STEM and Art Project Categories

The 2023 DC4STEM Fair and Competition will use the following:

(a) ISEF categories within 8 broad categories for STEM projects and (b) 4 categories for art projects.

## STEM Categories

### Biology
- Animal Sciences (ANIM)
- Biomedical and Health Sciences (BMED)
- Computational Biology and Bioinformatics (CBIO)
- Cellular and Molecular Biology (CELL)
- Microbiology (MCRO)
- Plant Sciences (PLNT)
- Translational Medical Science (TMED)

### Chemistry
- Biochemistry (BCHM)
- Chemistry (CHEM)
- Materials Science (MATS)

### Computer Science
- Computational Biology and Bioinformatics (CBIO)
- Embedded Systems (EBED)
- Robotics and Intelligent Machines (ROBO)
- Systems Software (SOFT)

### Behavioral & Social
- Behavioral and Social Sciences (BEHA)

### Earth & Environmental
- Earth and Environmental Sciences (EAEV)

### Engineering
- Biomedical Engineering (ENBM)
- Energy: Sustainable Materials and Design (EGSD)
- Engineering Technology: Statics and Dynamics (ETSD)
- Environmental Engineering (ENEV)

### Mathematics
- Mathematics (MATH)

### Physics & Space
- Physics and Astronomy (PHYS)

## Art Categories

### Language Arts
- 500 words or less: Essay, Poetry, Short story

### Music
- 5 minutes or less: Instrumental, Vocal, Technology/Production

### Performing Arts
- 5 minutes or less: Dance, Set design, Theater

### Visual Arts
- Cinematic arts (5 minutes or less), Drawing, Coding-based art, Graphic design, Painting

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[https://www.societyforscience.org/isef/categories-and-subcategories/](https://www.societyforscience.org/isef/categories-and-subcategories/)