

# Broadcom MASTERS<sup>®</sup>, a program of Society for Science & the Public

## Official Entry Rules 2017/2018 Academic Year

### Eligibility

1. A nominee must be a student enrolled in grades 6-8 in order to enter the competition.
2. Student must have competed at a Society-affiliated science fair occurring between November 2017 and June 2018 and been named by the fair as a Broadcom MASTERS nominee on the list submitted to the Society.
3. Former finalists who receive nominations may reapply, as long as they did not receive a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place STEM award, Lemelson Award for Innovation, Marconi/Samueli Award for Innovation, Robert Wood Johnson Award for Health Advancement or the Samueli Foundation Prize.
4. Research conducted and presented at the science fair must have been properly supervised and approved according to the guidelines set forth by the Society-affiliated fair and must be in compliance with all local, state, and national laws and regulations and the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (Intel ISEF) rules. See [student.societyforscience.org/nominees](http://student.societyforscience.org/nominees) for more information, and visit [student.societyforscience.org/international-rules-pre-college-science-research](http://student.societyforscience.org/international-rules-pre-college-science-research) to view the Intel ISEF rules. **The Society also accepts alternate approval forms used by your science fair.**
5. Individual and team projects are eligible. Teams can have a maximum of three students for the project to qualify.
  - a. If a team project, each nominated team member must complete the Broadcom MASTERS application individually to be eligible to go the next phase of the competition.
  - b. The application is judged individually per student, and considers factors in addition to the project summary. Therefore, it is possible that one team member will be named to the Top 300 MASTERS or 30 finalists and the other member(s) may not be.
6. Children of (i) Society for Science & the Public employees and Trustees, (ii) Broadcom Foundation officers, directors or anyone acting in a de facto officer role, (iii) Broadcom MASTERS evaluators and judges, and (iv) Broadcom Corporation employees with the title of vice president and above; are **NOT ELIGIBLE** to enter the Broadcom MASTERS competition.

### Requirements for Nominated Students

1. Each student may submit only one entry.
2. Each student is required to complete ALL sections of the online application, which includes the uploading of the following required documents (you will be prompted within the application):
  - a. **Permission Form** (REQUIRED, found in this packet or available online)—Student promises to adhere to ethics statement; parent or guardian grants permission to participate and share student information.
  - b. **Visual Aid** (REQUIRED)—provide data that supports your research.
  - c. **Fair Paperwork** (as applicable)—Projects involving humans, vertebrate animals or potentially hazardous biological agents require pre-approval and evidence of Scientific Rules Committee (SRC) or Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval. More information is available in the application.
3. Each student must work independently on all application questions (for team projects, each team member must also answer each question individually, as applications are judged separately).
4. The student's work should be free of scientific fraud and misconduct, including plagiarism, forgery, use or presentation of other researcher's work as one's own, and fabrication of data. Fraudulent projects will fail to qualify for the Broadcom MASTERS competition and the Society reserves the right to revoke recognition of a project subsequently found to have been fraudulent.
5. Student must submit his or her entry by the final submission deadline of June 13, 2018. The Broadcom MASTERS application will open for nominees on February 1, 2018 and will remain open to students after the affiliated fair nomination process. After June 13, 2018 we will send each entrant that has completed the application a Broadcom MASTERS t-shirt. Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery.

### Access to the Broadcom MASTERS Student Application

Once you have opened your application, you may save your work and return as many times as you wish until June 13.

- Visit [broadcommasters.fluidreview.com](http://broadcommasters.fluidreview.com). Open an application by entering your email address, username and fair password (found on the back of your packet) to create an account.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT US AT: [MASTERS@SOCIETYFORSCIENCE.ORG](mailto:MASTERS@SOCIETYFORSCIENCE.ORG)**