

Summary of Judging at Regeneron ISEF 2022

Regeneron ISEF 2022 will be run as a hybrid event with both virtual and in-person judging. Finalists who are unable to travel to Atlanta, GA for the in-person event will be judged virtually for both Grand Awards and Special Awards. This document will cover the days and format for all types of judging at Regeneron ISEF 2022.

Virtual Grand Award and Special Award Judging – Wednesday and Thursday, May 4 and 5, 2022

These two days are for **finalists competing virtually to be judged by both Grand Award and Special Award judges that are judging virtually**. Key details:

- **Grand Award Judging interviews will be conducted by one judge.** This is a change from 2021 where there were multiple judges per interview. This change was made to align with in-person judging.
- Proctors and Interpreters will be available as needed.
- All interviews will be recorded.
- The 21 categories will be split up across the two days with any given category being completed in a single day. Please refer to the appendix for the category split.
- Each day will be split into two 18-period blocks. Each interview period is 15 minutes long, meaning a block will last 4.5 hours. Grand Award Judging interviews will be scheduled across the 18 periods. The amount of interviews a project receives is dependent on the number of judges available.
- The first period of each day will be from **10:00am to 2:30pm ET**. The second period will be from **5:00pm to 9:30pm ET**. Please refer to this [time zone converter](#) to convert those times to your time zone.
- Finalists will be asked to select which time block they prefer. We will do our best to ensure all finalists receive their preferred time block, but in cases where that is not possible, preference will be given based on time zone.
- Finalists are expected to be available and in their virtual judging room for the entire 4.5-hour block. There will be breaks in their schedule for them to use the bathroom, get water, etc. as needed.
- Special Award Organizations (SAOs) will be permitted to utilize the gaps in a project's Grand Award Judging schedule to interview that project.
 - If a SAO has selected to interview a project, that finalist(s) will see that gap has been filled when they login for virtual judging.
 - It is possible that a SAO will schedule an interview after the judging block has already started. This is one of the reasons it is important for the finalist(s) to be available for the whole block.

Virtual SAO-Exclusive Judging – Monday, May 9 (By appointment only)

This portion of judging is an exclusive period for **virtual Special Award Judge to interview both virtual and in-person finalists**. Key details:

- This period will be from **2-6pm ET on Monday, May 9**.
- Finalists will login to zFairs and go to the SAO's virtual judging room for these interviews.
- Proctors and interpreters will be available as needed.
- All interviews will be recorded.
- **Interviews during this time are by appointment only.** SAOs will send an interview request to a project and the project will then select from a list of available times to conduct the interview.
 - Interview requests must be submitted by Thursday, May 5. Projects must accept and schedule their interviews by Saturday, May 7.
- All interviews during this period are being conducted virtually. In-person finalists that have a scheduled interview are expected to find a space to participate in the interview. The Society will provide a limited number of computer stations in the Finalist Resource Center for in-person finalists to utilize.

In-person Grand Award and Special Award Judging – Tuesday, May 10

In-person judging will be for finalists and judges who are attending ISEF in-person. The format of the day will be the same as previous ISEFs. The major change is that judging is now on Tuesday of the week instead of Wednesday. Key details:

- **Sunday, May 8, is when the projects should be set up and inspected by Display and Safety. All projects must be cleared to compete by noon on Monday, May 9.**
- There will be some time on Monday morning for projects to be setup, however, that time is for clearing infractions and last-minute setup due to extenuating circumstances. Finalists should not be planning to begin setup of their projects on Monday morning.
- Judging will run from **9:00am to 4:00pm** with a break in the middle of the day for lunch. The day begins with a SAO-exclusive judging period from 9am to 9:30am. Grand Award Judging appointments begin at 9:30am.
- Interview periods are 15 minutes each with a total of 18 periods throughout the day. Grand Award Judging interviews are scheduled. SAOs will utilize the gaps in the Grand Award Judging schedule to conduct their interviews.

Appendix – Virtual Judging Category Split

Wednesday, May 4	Thursday, May 5
Animal Sciences – ANIM	Chemistry – CHEM
Biochemistry – BCHM	Earth and Environmental Sciences- EAEV
Behavioral and Social Sciences – BEHA	Embedded Systems – EBED
Biomedical and Health Sciences – BMED	Energy: Sustainable Materials and Design - EGSD
Computational Biology and Bioinformatics – CBIO	Environmental Engineering - ENEV
Cellular and Molecular Biology – CELL	Engineering Technology: Statics and Dynamics- ETSD
Biomedical Engineering - ENBM	Mathematics – MATH
Microbiology – MCRO	Material Sciences – MATS
Plant Sciences – PLNT	Physics and Astronomy – PHYS
Translational Medical Science - TMED	Robotics and Intelligent Machines – ROBO
	Systems Software – SOFT