



Regeneron ISEF 2026 Symposia Presentation Information

The Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) 2026 will be held May 9-15, 2026, in Phoenix, AZ. If you would like to host a Symposium at the upcoming Regeneron ISEF, please read the following information carefully and submit the linked application to Society for Science (the Society), no later than **March 30, 2026**.

What Is a Symposium Session?

Symposia take place during Regeneron ISEF and are sessions that allow teachers, fair directors, sponsors, and other interested adults the opportunity to present and discuss issues related to scientific and engineering research, science education, the management of science fairs and best practices. Symposia sessions can be a hands-on workshop, lecture-type presentation, or panel discussion. A Symposium must be educational in nature and may not directly or indirectly promote a commercially available product or service. Audiences may include any registered fair participant including finalists, fair directors, teachers, corporate sponsors, or professional scientists.

Who Can Present a Symposium Session?

Anyone may apply to present a Symposium session. However, due to limited availability, preferences will be given based on the criteria listed below. Applicants will be notified by April 10, 2026, if they have been selected to give a Symposium session.

Criteria for Selecting Presenters

When we review your application, we'll be looking for the following:

- Is the application complete and does it clearly describe the proposed Symposium session?
- Is the proposed session on an engaging topic that will foster a sense of community among ISEF participants?
- Does it include audience participation or a workshop component?
- What audience will this session serve and is that audience available when the speaker is available?
- Does the session directly or indirectly promote the speaker's product or service?
- What level of engagement does the speaker have with ISEF (ex. Sponsor, SAO, fair director, etc.)

A selection committee will review the entire application to check the completeness of the information provided. The Society may not be able to accept every proposal that is submitted.

Applications that have been accepted will receive confirmation via email by April 10, 2026. The time and date of your session will be chosen based on your indicated availability and that of your intended audience.

Can I Present Virtually?

No, Regeneron ISEF 2026 is a fully in-person event with no virtual presentation options.

How Do I Apply?

Complete and submit this [ISEF Symposia Online Application](#) by March 30, 2026.

Symposia Session Cancellations or Changes

If you need to cancel your session, please do so right away—this may give someone else a chance to present. Once a Symposium session is assigned, we will not be able to make any changes to the schedule.

What are the different audiences in attendance at Regeneron ISEF and when are these audiences available to participate in Symposia sessions?

There are four types of audiences: Finalists, Fair Personnel, Teachers, and Observers. Finalists are students in 9th-12th grade who were selected from their regional fairs to compete at ISEF. Fair Personnel and Teachers are adults who are travelling with the finalists and are engaged in their local fair. Observers are 6th-12th grade students who are coming to observe ISEF for educational purposes.

Please see our [attendees webpage](#) for daily scheduled activities which will give you an idea of when these different audiences are available. Remember, Finalists are in judging all day on Wednesday and are unable to attend Symposia sessions.

How Will the Time and Location of my Session be Shared with Attendees?

Symposia sessions will be listed in the Regeneron ISEF app and on the Regeneron ISEF website. Listings will include the time, date, and name of your Symposium session, the intended audience, and a description of your session. This description will be taken from the first page of your application form.

What Audiovisual Equipment Will Be Available?

The Society will provide an LCD projector, screen, microphones, and sound for the standard audio headphone port for all Symposia sessions. We do not provide phone lines, computers, or cables for your laptop other than a VGA cable. A presenter must provide their own laptop. Internet access is available upon request; it is a wireless connection only.

If your presentation requires anything other than what is provided by the Society, please indicate specifics on the application of what you will be bringing. Thank you.

For questions, please email isef@societyforscience.org.

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No fees have been paid and no endorsement of the sessions is implied*