Regeneron ISEF D&S Graphic Credit Guidance

Rules:

The following document is intended to provide examples of proper graphic citation according to the ISEF Display & Safety Rules:

- ALL graphics that are created by the Finalist MUST BE properly cited individually and include the program or software utilized to create the graphic using statements such as "Photo taken by Finalist"; "Image created by Finalist using . . ."; Graph created by Finalist using . . ."; Chart created by Finalist using . . ."; or "Data Table created by Finalist"; "Logo created by Finalist."

- ALL graphics not created by the finalist(s) MUST BE properly cited individually (APA format is preferred). If the graphic was obtained via the Internet then a URL must be provided (digital object identifiers are acceptable in place of long URLs). This applies even if the license under which the graphic was obtained does not require credit or citation.

- A citation must be provided alongside the graphic or in a vertically, numbered displayed reference list.

Additional Guidance:

<u>How To Cite Graphics Created by the Student Researcher:</u>

- Be sure to include that you, the student researcher, created the image.

- If you used third-party software (including but not limited to BioRender, Canva, Powerpoint, R, etc.) to create your image, you need to mention the name of the program.

- Always mention the year the graphic was created.

- If you have published this graphic (which means it has a source), you should cite this image as "Graphic created by the student researcher," followed by the citation for your publication where the image appears. This is called self-citing.

<u>How To Cite Graphics Created by Someone Else:</u>

- Every graphic that you did NOT create must be properly cited.

- If the graphic was obtained via the Internet, then a URL must be provided (digital object identifiers are acceptable in place of long URLs). This applies even if the license under which the graphic was obtained does not require credit or citation.

- If you are using a graphic that someone in your lab created, give them proper credit.

- To cite an unpublished graphic that someone else created, include the creator's name, title of the graphic, the year it was created and the source of the graphic/institution of the creator.

<u>How to cite graphics created or modified by AI:</u>

- All citations for graphics created or modified by AI must include the AI model used and the date the graphic was created or modified.

- For graphics which were modified by AI, the original graphic must be cited according to the guidance above.

Graphic Example	Proper Citation:
Graphic obtained from the Internet under creative common license (CC 2.0): Note: The image and citation formats below were sourced from APA's Clip Art or Stock Image References Guidelines: https://apastyle.apa.org/style-grammar-guidelines/references/examples/clip-art-references	 Figure 1: Lava the sled dog. From Lava [Photograph], by Denali National Park and Preserve, 2013, Flickr (https://www.flickr.com/photos/denalinps/8639280606/). CC BY 2.0.
Graphic obtained from the Internet under creative common license (CC 2.0). Graphic Citation using a Reference List: Note: A reference list may be used for any graphic citation.	 Figure 1: Lava the sled dog. [1] Graphic Reference List: [1] Denali National Park and Preserve. (2013). Lava [Photograph]. Flickr. https://www.flickr.com/photos/denalinps/8639280606/

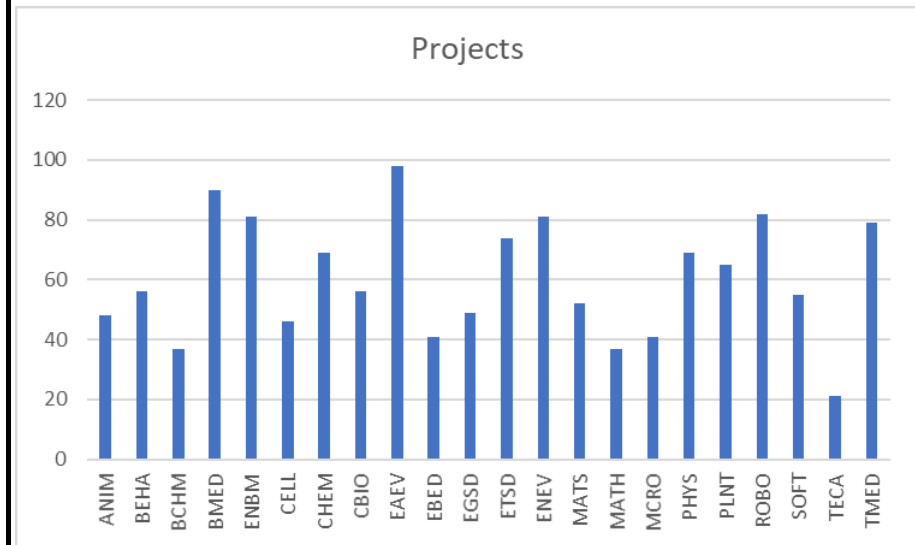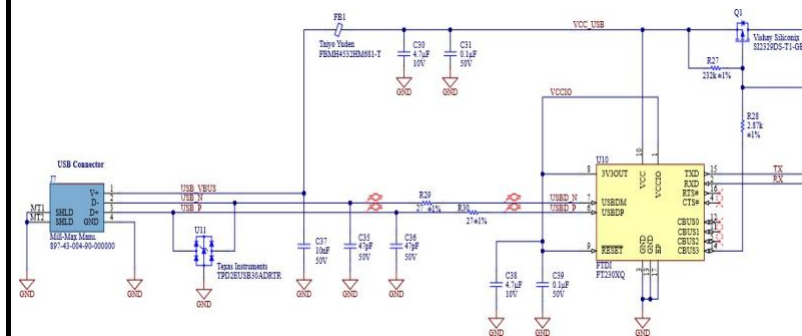|	
Graphic created by finalist using Canva/BioRender/Microsoft Excel/R/Any third-party software.	 Figure 1: Number of projects per ISEF category. Graph created by finalist using Excel, 2024.
Graphic created by finalist using Canva/BioRender/Microsoft Excel/R/Any third-party software.	 Figure 1: Schematic of USB Interface Graphic created by finalist using Altium Designer, 2024.

Photo taken of team by another individual.	 Figure 1: Finalists Building Electronics Interface Unit Image taken of finalists by finalist's parent, John Doe, 2024.
Graphic created by AI.	 Figure 1: Fake Lab Bench generated by ChatGPT. Graphic created on November 7, 2025 using OpenAI GPT-5.

Graphic modified by AI.

Figure 1: Lava the sled dog with a red nose.

Original image from Lava [Photograph], by Denali National Park and Preserve, 2013, Flickr (https://www.flickr.com/photos/denalinps/8639280606/). CC BY 2.0.
Modified by GPT-5 by OpenAI on November 12, 2025.