

Below is a copy of the Science Fair Accelerator student application form for fall 2026. Some of the questions in Section 2 (Project Information) and Section 3 (Ethics and Safety) may change depending on your answers, so your own application may not be identical to the questions below.

Science Fair Accelerator Application Form Fall 2026

The Science Fair Accelerator is designed to help take your project to the next level. To be eligible, you must already have a science project idea and a plan for how you will conduct your experiment or test your innovation. Space is limited. After the selection process, you will be notified of your application status. Good luck!

Section 1: Student Information

1. What is your full name?
2. What grade will you be entering in September 2026?
 - 7
 - 8
 - 9
 - 10
 - 11
 - 12
3. What city do you live in?
4. What regional science fair will you be attending in 2027?

Unsure which region you are joining from? Check out our Regional Science Fair map:
<https://www.sciencefairs.ca/participate/bc-yukon-science-fairs/>.

- Cariboo-Mainline Regional Science Fair
- Central Interior Science Exhibition
- Okanagan Shuswap Regional STEM Fair
- East Kootenay Regional Science Fair
- Fraser Valley Regional Science Fair
- Greater Vancouver Regional Science Fair
- Northern BC Regional Science Fair
- Northern Vancouver Island Regional Science Fair
- Pacific Northwest Regional Science Fair
- South Fraser Regional Science Fair
- Vancouver Island Regional Science Fair



- West Kootenay Regional Science Fair
 - Yukon-Stikine STEM Expo
5. What is your email address? (No school email addresses please.)
 6. What is your parent/guardian's email address?

Section 2: Project Information

7. What is the title of your project?
8. Are you working with a partner?
9. If yes to question 8, what is your partner's name? (each partner must apply separately.)
10. My project is an:
 - Experiment
 - Innovation
11. Which of the following categories best describes your project?
 - Aerospace: Projects that help advance atmospheric or space science, aviation or aerospace technologies, or enable humans to explore and live in space, on the Moon, or beyond.
 - Agriculture, Fisheries and Food: Projects that help ensure food security, sustainability or competitiveness in agriculture, fisheries or food production.
 - Curiosity and Ingenuity: Projects that help improve our understanding or address a problem in an area of STEM not covered by the other challenges.
 - Digital Technology: Projects that help improve our quality of life or transform existing products and services through digital devices, methods or systems.
 - Disease and Illness: Projects that help enhance our diagnosis, treatment or understanding of disease, or the management of physical or mental illness.
 - Energy: Projects that help improve our use of current energy sources, enable the transition to alternative energy sources, or reduce our energy footprint.
 - Environment and Climate Change: Projects that help ensure the quality of water, air, soil or the diversity of living things, or manage the impact of climate change.
 - Health and Wellness: Projects that help prevent disease or promote physical, social, emotional, spiritual, environmental, occupational, or intellectual wellbeing.
 - Natural Resources: Projects that help ensure the sustainable management, use, reuse or recycling of Earth's finite or renewable natural resources.
12. What problem are you addressing with your project? Clearly state the issue, who or what is impacted by the issue, and why this is a problem.



13. How does your project attempt to solve the problem? Clearly state who or what your project will impact, and how it is beneficial.
14. Why is your project important? Who will it impact and why does it matter?
15. List at least five information sources that you used in your research for your project. Title and author(s) will suffice.
16. List the variables in your project. Identify which is independent, dependent, and controlled.
17. Explain how you will test your hypothesis or prototype. What is your method? (This does not need to be extremely detailed. We want to see that you've thought about how to carry out your project.)
18. What materials will you need to carry out your project? Be specific.
19. Do you have access to all of the materials you need, or will you be able to easily obtain them in the near future?
20. What is your timeline for your project? (This does not need to be extremely detailed. We want to see that you've thought about how long it will take and that you've planned accordingly.)

Section 3: Ethics and Safety

All science projects that involve humans, animals, or microorganisms require ethics approval from your regional science fair before you start your project. Being accepted into the Accelerator does not guarantee that your project will pass ethical approval by your regional science fair committee. You are responsible for completing ethics forms and getting pre-approval from your regional science fair committee.

21. Does your project involve humans, animals, or microorganisms?
22. If yes to question 21, have you applied for ethics approval with your regional science fair? (You do not need to be approved by your regional fair yet but we want to know that you've applied.)
23. If no to question 22, When is the application due date for submitting ethics forms for approval for your regional science fair? (This information should be available on your regional science fair's website or by emailing someone on your regional science fair committee.)

Section 4: Motivation

24. Why did you choose your project topic? Why is your project important to you?



25. Why do you want to take part in the Science Fair Accelerator program? What are you hoping to get out of it?
26. What is the one part of your project you want the most help with?
27. What specific skills or knowledge are you hoping to gain from taking part in the Science Fair Accelerator?

Section 5: Submitting Additional Materials

28. In addition to this application form, you are required to submit a completed ethics form (if your project involves humans, animals, or microorganisms) and a video, up to 2-minutes in length, explaining what your project is about and why you chose to do it. Once you have completed this application form, you'll receive an email with a link to submit your video. Your application will not be considered complete until we receive your completed ethics form (if applicable) and video.

- I understand
- I don't understand

Section 6: Financial Aid

We believe that every youth deserves the opportunity to participate in the Science Fair Accelerator, regardless of financial circumstances. Thanks to our community partners, we're offering full and partial bursaries to cover program fees. Unfortunately, bursary funds are limited and we may not be able to fund all requests.

29. Do you require financial assistance to participate in the Science Fair Accelerator?
 - Yes, I would like to request a full bursary (\$100)
 - Yes, I would like to request a partial bursary (\$50)
 - No, I do not require financial assistance

Section 7: Survey Participation

30. The 2026 Accelerator program is a pilot. We are relying on you to provide your honest, constructive feedback so we can make the program better. There will be three feedback surveys following the completion of the Accelerator: one directly following the conclusion of the Accelerator program, one following the completion of your regional fair, and one following the completion of the 2027 CWSF for participants who are selected to attend.



- I agree to complete all feedback surveys within the required timeframe
- I do not agree to complete all feedback surveys within the required timeframe

