

YOUTH INNOVATION SHOWCASE OFFICIAL RULES

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Please read these Terms and Conditions carefully, as they describe the conditions under which the participant (“You” and “Your”) is allowed to participate in the 2026 Youth Innovation Showcase (the “Competition”). As You participate, You may periodically be asked to recognize Your acceptance of these Terms and Conditions by clicking “accept” in various places, but by participating in the Competition, You expressly consent to these Terms and Conditions. The Terms and Conditions may be amended from time to time and thus you should check back periodically. Your continued use of the website and/or your entry into the Competition indicates your acceptance of any changes.

- **Overview.** The Competition begins August 10, 2026, at 12:01 AM PDT (the “Competition Start Date”) and ends January 27, 2027, at 6:00PM PST (the “Competition End Date”), such period referred to herein as the “Competition Period.” The Competition is sponsored by Science Fair Foundation of British Columbia (the “Competition Sponsor”). Competition Sponsor’s computer is the official clock for the Competition. This is an Innovation Pitch competition and chance plays no part in the determination of any winner. This promotion is in no way sponsored, endorsed, or administered by, or associated with any third party, including Facebook and YouTube. You are providing your information to the Competition Sponsor.
- **Eligibility.** Subject to the limitations set out herein, individuals between the ages of 12 and 19 may participate. You must be between 12 years of age and not older than 19 years of age by August 10, 2026, at 12:01 AM PDT to participate in the Competition. If You are under 19 years of age, You must have your parent's or legal guardian's permission to enter and Your parent or legal guardian must agree on Your behalf and on his or her own behalf to follow and be bound by these RULES and warrant that You are eligible to participate in the Competition. In addition, you must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident, and your primary residence as of August 10, 2026, must be within British Columbia or Yukon Territory.

Project Eligibility

A project entered in a previous Youth Innovation Showcase competition shall only be eligible for the current Competition if the continuing work involves a substantial expansion or extension of the previous investigation or design process. A project that is substantially the same as a project exhibited by the Finalist(s) at any previous Youth Innovation Showcase competition shall not be eligible.

No project that has won any previous Youth Innovation Showcase competition is eligible for the current Competition.

Entries are limited to individuals or pairs only; commercial enterprises and business entities are not eligible. If the students in a pair project are from different age categories, then the registration system shall register the project in the age category of the older student. Both members of a pair project are expected to participate fully in the Competition. Any donor, director, officer, employee, contractor to or of Competition Sponsor, members of the Evaluation Panel, members of the Selection Committee and any of the foregoing's family members or those living in the same household are prohibited from entering the Competition. Entries that are submitted in connection with the Competition will only be eligible if such Entries (i) are in English, including all scripts and voiceovers, (ii) do not contain content that is unlawful (including any infringement or potential infringement of Intellectual Property Rights), hateful or obscene, in the Competition Sponsor's sole discretion, and (iii) do not include any other identifiable individual other than the individual participant unless prior express consent is obtained from such individual or such images are in the public domain. The Competition Sponsor will allow only those entries that meet all these criteria, in the sole discretion of the Competition Sponsor.

- **Content.** The Content created or provided by You must be Your own. You represent and warrant that (i) Your Entry is an original work created solely by You and that You own all Intellectual Property in and to the Entry, (ii) Your Entry does not violate any applicable law, rule or regulation, (iii) no other party has any right, title, claim or interest (or potential right, title, claim or interest) in the Entry (including Intellectual Property Rights), except as expressly identified by You to us in writing, (iv) You own and are free to grant to the Competition Sponsor all rights in and to Your Entry that is granted herein and (v) use of Your Entry by Competition Sponsor will not infringe or involve the misappropriation of any third party rights.

- **How to Submit an Entry.** To submit an Entry for the Competition, go to youthinnovation.ca (the “Website”) and click the “Register Now” button. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the registration form. Once you have submitted your registration form, you will receive an e-mail with links and instructions for completing an online Consent and Release form, paying your registration fee, and submitting your innovation. For your Entry to be valid, you must complete the Consent and Release form, pay the registration fee, and your project submission must include:
 - your 45-second Pitch Video describing your innovation (see Pitch Video Guidelines for information to include)
 - a one-page report of your innovation (see One-Page Innovation Report Guidelines for format and information to include)
 - a high-resolution profile photo of yourself (minimum 2000px tall)
 - your About the Innovator bio video telling us a little bit about yourself (see About the Innovator Guidelines for information to include) (maximum 3 minutes)

Limit to one (1) Entry per person during the Competition Period. You may not enter under more than one true and uniform identity; multiple entries from an entrant are not allowed and may be disqualified. All entries must be received by September 28, 2026, at 11:59 PM PDT.

Competition Sponsor may disqualify, in its sole and absolute discretion, Entries that are or allegedly are (i) not reasonably pertinent to the subject matter of the Competition, (ii) duplicates of previous Entries, or (iii) illegible, incomplete, forged, altered or mechanically produced or reproduced. Any Entry otherwise in violation of these Terms and Conditions in the sole discretion of the Competition Sponsor may also be disqualified. Participation in the Competition is voluntary and does not require You to purchase anything from the Competition Sponsor.

The Competition Sponsor will have no obligation (express or implied) to use or display any Entry and may at any time abandon the use of Your Entry for any reason, or for no reason. You (or Your parent/guardian if a minor) agree to defend, indemnify and hold the Competition Sponsor harmless from and against, any claims, liabilities, actions, damages, costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees) arising out of or in connection with Your Entry or Your participation in the Competition.

Selection of Winner

Assessment Phases: There are three phases of assessment for each qualified Entry, which are listed below. Each phase of assessment is contingent upon availability of appropriate software and volunteer judges and may vary at the sole discretion of the Competition Sponsor. Participants cannot win the Young Innovator of the Year Award in two consecutive years, even if they have moved to a different age category.

- a) *Phase One.* Each of the First Phase Finalists' Entries will be reviewed by members of an evaluation panel, which consists of experts who are identified by the Science Fair Foundation of BC (the "Evaluation Panel"). The Evaluation Panel will utilize the following review process:
- **Innovation (40%):** Did the entrant make an effort to approach the subject matter in an innovative or creative way? Is the subject matter challenging for the age category? Is the idea unique?
 - **Communication (35%):** Did the pitch video and 1-page report explain the subject matter clearly, allowing the reviewer to develop a genuine understanding of the innovation? Did the video demonstrate a rigorous dive into the subject matter?
 - **Functional & Realistic (15%):** Did the material showcase how the innovation may function in society or community? Is the innovation realistic?
 - **Engagement (10%):** Did the video capture the viewer's interest? Did the viewer want to keep watching the video to the end? Did the entrant engage with the judges?
- b) *Phase Two.* Based on a rank order of these scores, the top Entries (up to ten (10) per age category) will be invited to video interviews (or telephone, if video interviews are not possible) with an Evaluation Panel. Participants will have two (2) minutes to pitch their ideas followed by up to ten (10) minutes of Q&A with the panel. The highest scoring entrants (up to 5) from the interviews based on the review process outlined in 5(a) will move to Phase Three.
- c) *Phase Three.* The top five (5) projects from each age category will have thirty (30) days or one (1) month to provide updated 90-second Pitch Videos and 1-page Innovation Reports through an online file submission system. The updated 90-second Pitch Videos and 1-page Innovation Reports will be distributed to judges between January 7 and January 11, 2027. If

a participant does not provide an updated 90-second Pitch Video or an updated 1-page Innovation Report, that participant's initial 45-second Pitch Video and 1-page Innovation Report, submitted on or before September 28, 2026, shall be used instead. On January 12, 2027, participants will take part in a series of virtual interviews with judges. Participants will have two (2) minutes to pitch their ideas followed by up to ten (10) minutes of Q&A with each individual judge. Judges will provide scores and feedback back to Competition Sponsor based on the updated 90-second Pitch Video, updated 1-page Innovation Report, and their individual interview with each participant. Scores will be tabulated and the project with the overall highest score will be announced the winner.

- d) *Tiebreaker.* Where a tie occurs in any of the phases above, the projects will be ranked according to the number of perfect scores rewarded by judges. The project with the highest number of perfect scores shall be deemed the winner. If the secondary score is also equal among a sub-set of ties, the Chairman of the Competition Sponsor shall determine the final rank order by using the review process described in Section 5(a).

The Winner will be announced on January 27, 2027, at the Youth Innovation Showcase Awards Show and the selection of the Winner shall be binding on You and all entrants. All Finalists will be required to attend an award show on January 27, 2027 (date and timing subject to change).

- e) *Winner List.* The name of the Winner will be posted on the Website after verification and announcement of the Winner and will remain posted for at least ninety (90) days thereafter.
- f) *Sponsor.* Science Fair Foundation of British Columbia. PO Box 84536, RPO Nordel Crossing, Surrey, BC V3W 6Y7

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1. I hereby give Science Fair Foundation of British Columbia ("FOUNDATION") and its sponsors, donors and partners consent to take, retain and publish photograph(s) and/or video recording(s), as the case may be, of my name, likeness, poses, acts and appearances, projects or other materials prepared, developed or created by me, and sound recordings that are made of my voice (collectively referred to as the "Personal Information"), and use such Personal Information for any purposes in connection with promoting the Foundation, Youth Innovation Showcase and/or science fair programs that the Foundation organises, exhibits and/or participates in from time to time, which may include academic, educational, advertising, promotion, marketing, artistic and exhibition purposes (the "Purposes"). In connection with such Purposes, I agree that FOUNDATION may:
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 3. disclose and release the Personal Information and contact information provided by me to third party award sponsors, for the Purposes, as well as to facilitate the receipt and administration of any award that I receive.
2. I acknowledge and agree that the Personal Information is being collected pursuant to applicable privacy laws for the Purposes. For greater certainty, I consent to the use or display of my name in connection with the permitted use of the Personal Information by FOUNDATION described herein. I consent to the Personal Information being stored, accessed or disclosed outside of Canada (if applicable, for example on a third-party server that is outside of Canada).
3. In consideration for the opportunity for me to participate in the event described below, I hereby covenant and agree to waive and release FOUNDATION, its directors, staff, officers, employees and agents from any and all claims, demands, damages and proceedings arising from or relating to any use by FOUNDATION of the Personal Information, including any statutory or common law privacy rights relating to the Personal Information. Further, I hereby covenant and agree that FOUNDATION is not liable for any losses or damages, whether direct, indirect, consequential, incidental or special, arising from any use of the Personal Information, whether by FOUNDATION or any person (including third parties). This Section 3 shall survive any termination or expiry of this Consent.
4. This Consent is valid with respect to my photo(s) and video submission(s) for the 2026 Youth Innovation Showcase and participation in any of the events associated with the 2026 Youth Innovation Showcase.