

Selection of International Science and Engineering Fair Judges

The International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF), founded in 1950, brings together over 1,200 students from 40 nations. It provides an opportunity for the best young scientists to share ideas, showcase cutting-edge science projects, and compete for over \$3 million in awards and scholarships. Each year over 70 professional organizations, representing many scientific disciplines, affiliate with ISEF as Special Awards Sponsors. The Office of Naval Research (ONR), representing the United States Navy and Marine Corps as a Special Awards Sponsor, uses a core team of qualified volunteers to judge all projects. One student in each of fourteen scientific disciplines is awarded a significant monetary scholarship. We also recognize one team project and three Navy-relevant projects with similar scholarship awards. ONR believes that ISEF is the culminating event for each Science Fair year, a fitting climax to each year's rounds of regional and state competitions.

Interested candidates to be selected as International Science and Engineering Fair judges will be screened annually through a formal selection board process. The implementation of the board will ensure the selection of the most qualified judges to represent the Naval services in judging and interacting with some of the most promising students and their work.

This Selection Board will consist of four members. VADM Michael C. Colley USN (Ret.) will chair the Board as senior member of the Naval Science Awards Program. One member will be appointed by the Director, Naval Reserve Science and Technology Program to represent the Naval Reserve. The remaining members will be appointed by the Chief of Naval Research. One will be drawn from the Office of Naval Research (ONR) civilian technical staff or academic community, and one from the ONR military staff. Terms of board members will be annual and renewable.

Individuals desiring to serve as ISEF Naval judges must apply by e-mail to:
363_NSAP@onr.navy.mil

Your application should include the following information:

- Name
- Title (Military or Civilian)
- Military Status (if applicable) (Active, Reserve, Retired)
- Mailing Address
- Present Position (Military or Civilian) (Short description of less than 50 words)
- Primary (Daytime) Phone Number
- Primary E-Mail Address
- Degree(s) Held
- Scientific Disciplines You Would Be Competent to Judge (Prioritized Order)
- Professional Experience in Work Related to Science Fair Judging (less than 50 words)
- Do you need military orders? (Yes/No)

Will you need your travel costs reimbursed? (Yes/No)
Will you need ONR reimbursement for lodging? (Yes/No)
Reasons for Your Application (less than 50 words)
Names of the Regional and/or State Science Fairs You Have Judged in the Past Year or Plan to Judge This Year

You must include your curriculum vitae or resume with your application.

Judges will be expected to have supported the Naval Science Awards Program through service at one or more regional or state science fairs over the year preceding their application.

The selection board will consider the application form, the commitment of the prospective judge to regional and state science fairs, and the costs involved to provide a full group of judges to that year's ISEF. An individual, although fully qualified, may not be selected for ISEF during a year when significant costs must be incurred to send him or her to a distant location. Also, individuals may be preferentially selected should shortfalls exist in the specific discipline in which they indicate their expertise.

Applications for each year must be submitted by 1 March of that year. Selections will be made by 31 March. The ISEF is normally held the second week in May.

ISEF Naval judges – active, reserve, and retired - are strongly encouraged to wear their uniform during all interactions with students. But judges must conform to military standards for appearance to wear the uniform.

Finally, all judges are expected to represent the service professionally and to be knowledgeable of opportunities for students to get involved in scientific pursuits with the Naval services at high school, undergraduate, and graduate levels. You are asked to review these opportunities at the ONR Web site (www.onr.navy.mil/onr/studteach.htm) prior to representing ONR at ISEF.