

# Science Project Judging Criteria

<b>Research Question</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear and focused purpose</li> <li>• Identifies contribution to field of study</li> <li>• Testable using scientific methods</li> </ul>	10	
<b>Design &amp; Methodology</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Well designed plan and data collection methods</li> <li>• Variables and controls defined, appropriate and complete</li> </ul>	15	
<b>Execution: Data Collection, Analysis &amp; Interpretation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Systematic data collection and analysis</li> <li>• Reproducibility of results</li> <li>• Appropriate application of mathematical and statistical methods</li> <li>• Sufficient data collected to support interpretation and conclusions</li> </ul>	20	
<b>Creativity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project demonstrates significant creativity in one or more of the above criteria</li> </ul>	20	
<b>Presentation</b>	Poster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Logical organization of material</li> <li>• Clarity of graphics and legends</li> <li>• Supporting documentation sited or displayed</li> </ul>	10
	Interview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear, concise, thoughtful responses to questions</li> <li>• Understanding of basic science relevant to project</li> <li>• Understanding interpretation and limitations of results and conclusions</li> <li>• Degree of independence in conducting project</li> <li>• Recognition of potential impact in science, society and/or economics</li> <li>• Quality of ideas for further research</li> <li>• For team projects, contributions to and understanding of project by all members</li> </ul>	25
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\*\*Criteria updated Fall 2017 to align with the International Science & Engineering Fair judging criteria