

Do you plan to use animals or human subjects in your science fair project?



BEFORE YOU START: Visit ethics.youthscience.ca to learn about the ethics policies that apply to all students in Canada!

Complete ethics registration at reg.gvrsf.ca to get **pre-approval** for your project before you start.
(This will not actually register you for the fair!)

Questions? Email ethics@gvrsf.ca

Human Participation

Does your project ask participants to complete a written **survey** or a **low-risk activity** that they do every day?

Yes

Low Risk

Complete [Form 4.1A](#)

For all participants (and parents/guardians if they are under 19):

1. Provide a [Letter of Information](#)
2. Obtain written [informed consent](#)

No

Higher Risk

Complete [Form 4.1B](#)

Use of Animals

Does your project involve the use of vertebrate animals or Cephalopods or their tissues?

No

Low Risk

Lower orders of life - bacteria, fungi, protozoa, insects, plants and invertebrates - can be used without ethics approval.

Yes

Higher Risk

Complete [Form 4.1C](#)

Ensure you have a Scientific Supervisor (usually with university ethics board approval).

WHEN YOU REGISTER: If you did not get ethics pre-approval, your project must still be approved before your Greater Vancouver Regional Science Fair registration is complete. Only projects that meet Youth Science Canada ethics guidelines may attend.

