

# 2013 GNO (REGION IX) SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR FAQ SHEET

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**What is the Greater New Orleans (Region IX) Science & Engineering Fair?**

The Greater New Orleans (Region IX) Science & Engineering Fair is one of the largest science fairs in Louisiana and is recognized as one of the most outstanding fairs in the nation. The Fair typically involves more than 300 students from the Greater New Orleans area (Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard parishes form Region IX).

**When will the GNOSEF be held?**

The 2013 GNOSEF is scheduled to be held at UNO on **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>**, with the awards ceremony on Thursday evening, February 28<sup>th</sup>. Location details and a complete schedule for the event will be posted on the GNOSEF website.

**What awards are given?**

Among the numerous category and special awards presented, two (2) Grand Award winners, Senior Division only, will be selected from the First & Second Place Winners in each category and will represent Region IX in the **International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) in Phoenix, Arizona, on May 12-17, 2013**. Details can be found on the ISEF web site [www.societyforscience.org/isef](http://www.societyforscience.org/isef).

Twenty (20) finalists in each division (Junior and Senior) will be certified for entry in the **Louisiana State Science Fair on March 25 -27, 2013** at LSU in Baton Rouge. (Junior Division will set up on Sunday afternoon with competition on Monday. Senior Division will set up Monday evening with competition Tuesday).

**Who is eligible to enter the Science Fair?**

Any student in grades seven through twelve with an interest in science and/or engineering and enrolled in a public, private, parochial or home school in the parishes of Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, or St. Bernard is eligible to enter the fair by following the process established at his/her school. Exceptional sixth grade students are also eligible. Each school selects which students will represent it at the GNOSEF.

**What is the first thing my students must do?**

Each student should complete a research plan plus required forms. Use the ISEF Rules Wizard <http://apps.societyforscience.org/isef/students/wizard/index.asp> to identify necessary forms. The forms will indicate which projects need to go before the Scientific Review Committee (SRC). These projects typically involve human subjects, non-human vertebrate animals, pathogenic agents, controlled substances, recombinant DNA research, and human and animal tissue. Note that if students choose to do research involving human subjects, you must have an Internal Review Board (IRB) at your school (see ISEF Form 4 in ISEF Document Library). Also be sure to check the GNOSEF rules on the website, as there are additional requirements for prior approval, particularly regarding hazardous chemicals.

## IMPORTANT DEADLINES

**OCTOBER 1, 2012:** School Science Fair Sponsors **must** fill out and submit an **Affiliation Form** by this date in order for that school to be eligible to send students to the GNOSEF. The form is included with the initial mailing to the school and can also be obtained at the GNOSEF web site. This provides information for important future correspondence and for facility planning for the GNOSEF event.

**OCTOBER 19, 2012: Deadline to submit projects for prior Scientific Review Committee (SRC) approval.** If a student enters a project that must go before the SRC, a complete research plan for the project **must** be submitted to the fair director **prior** to doing the research.

**NOVEMBER 16, 2012:** Final date to submit requested revisions for prior SRC approval.

**JANUARY 22, 2013:** Deadline for registration and final submission of documents required for **each** project registered for the GNOSEF. Once a school identifies the students who will be participating in the GNOSEF, Student Registration forms **must** be completed on-line, and appropriate documents must be submitted to the SRC. On-line information **must** be entered by a **teacher**.

**FEBRUARY 8, 2013:** Final date to submit requested revisions for participation in GNOSEF.

**MARCH 8, 2013:** Deadline for LSEF Registration for eligible projects.

**How many students can one school send to the GNOSEF?**

**3 projects per category per school** for both Junior and Senior Division.

**Are there any limitations to types of projects allowed?**

**Yes.** Please refer to the official rules and exhibit restrictions located at the GNOSEF web site. If you don't have access to the Internet, please contact the fair director.

**Will assistance be provided to schools?**

**Yes.** Please contact the fair director for **any** assistance regarding the Science Fair. A great way to get assistance is to attend the **September 8<sup>th</sup> WORKSHOP AND KICK-OFF**, scheduled for 8:30am – 2:30pm at UNO in the Engineering Auditorium. Registration required (no fee).