

**2015 Monterey County Science & Engineering Fair**  
**Senior Division: Does your project require Pre-Approval?**  
**Find out fast!**

Some research projects require Pre-Approval from the Scientific Review Committee (SRC). If you answer yes to any of the questions below, **you must submit ISEF Certification Forms prior to experimentation.**

1. **Human or Vertebrate Animal Tissue or Fluid Source:**       YES     NO  
Does anything come from a human or animal body? This could include cheek cells or other cells, teeth, bone, blood, saliva, or urine. Is RNA or DNA from one organism inserted into the RNA or DNA of another organism?
  
2. **Human Subjects:**       YES     NO  
Are you asking your friends or other people questions? Are you conducting experiments on yourself or experiments with people in any way?
  
3. **Non-Human Vertebrate Subjects:**       YES     NO  
Does your project involve your pet? Or, any other animals that have bones (except people)?
  
4. **Hazardous Chemicals, Activities or Devices?**       YES     NO  
Does your project include DEA-controlled substances, prescription drugs, alcohol & tobacco, firearms and explosives, radiation, lasers, etc. The rules include substances and devices that are regulated by local, state, county or international law, most often with restrictions of their use by minors. Hazardous activities are those that involve a level or risk above and beyond that encountered in the student's everyday life.

**If you answered no to all, your project does not need SRC pre-approval.**

**If you answered YES to any, SRC Pre-Approval is Required.**

**Please submit signed ISEF Certification Forms and Research Plan  
prior to experimentation.**

**Forms are available at**

**[www.montereycountysciencefair.com](http://www.montereycountysciencefair.com)**

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**SRC Meetings Will Be Held to Review Projects on the Following Dates:**

**September 18; October 16; November 20; December 11; January 15**

**Please Submit Your Paperwork Via Email One Week Prior to These Dates.**