

Mentor Guidance

Biogen Young Scientist Research Challenge

Thank you for your interest in working with science students in the Young Scientist Research Challenge. This document gives information about the Challenge and tips for working with students.

[Rubric for the Challenge](#)

[The Young Scientist Research Challenge Website with information](#)

Student teams submitted a project overview before being assigned to you. The project overview is attached to this email. [Here is a completed Project Overview and Poster example](#)

Considerations for safe, efficient, and effective relationships with middle school and high school students.

- Frame your relationship with the students. They are new at this process, and many are working with little support from teachers and advisors.
- Communicate via Email or in a virtual meeting space.
- Email communication should be to reply to all and include all team members, and cc: teacher or parent advisor.
- We support in person meetings in your work space. This is a tremendous opportunity for students, but again make sure you have a co-worker, parent, or teacher chaperone present at all times while students are visiting.
- Never meet with just one student (in person or virtually). Always have at least two students or a student and a parent or teacher.
- Create clear boundaries about your time. We anticipate 1-3 meetings 30 minutes maximum. If you are reading, reviewing, or having a meeting, communicate deadlines, end time for meeting, etc. Part of the learning for students is that the work world requires respect for each others' time.
- Many students do not have boundaries for appropriate professional language or tone. Giving students feedback on these skills is a gift.

This is our first Biogen Young Scientist Research Challenge. Please share with us any tools or lessons you learn as a mentor. Your feedback helps grow this opportunity for future iterations.

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