

# The 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Los Angeles County Science and Engineering Fair

March 8 – 9, 2026

- The 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Los Angeles County Science and Engineering Fair will be held at the Shrine Auditorium on March 8 – 9, 2026.
- All schools/site coordinators must register annually, even if you participated previously.
- We are entertaining student submittals for a theme idea for this year's fair. They can be submitted on this [form](#).
- The [Important Dates and Deadlines](#) document provides the deadlines for registrations, form submittals, SRC submissions, SRC project review, and project registrations. Please use this copy of the form for your reference until we have updated it on our website.
- We have updated the student and project registration process. The current process is described in the [Student and Project Registration Process](#) Instructions document.
- As outlined in the new process, **Students conducting individual projects and team leaders of group projects are now required to complete an “[Intent to Participate](#)” Form before beginning any work.** The form is designed to help students determine if their project requires SRC pre-approval. Only one submission is required per project. This form is now live and can be used even though the LACSEF portal is not active yet.
- If your school is planning to participate in the fair and you have not done so already **this year**, please complete the School and Site [Coordinator Information Form](#). This form is available now. We will propagate the information in our system as soon as we are done with our updates to the portal (scheduled for August 25). Once we have done this, you will receive an email with a new password for this year's fair so that you can complete your registration on the portal and have access to the portal as a tool. The email will come from [noreply@lascifair.org](mailto:noreply@lascifair.org). Please be advised that some emails end up in spam folders.
- The fee structure will remain the same as last year. Please see the [School Enrollment & Fee Waiver Form](#) for more details.
- This year, we will continue to allow schools to register as many group projects as their registration allows.
- Our SRC research plan submittal forms remain the same as last year. There are only four types:
  - Projects Requiring Human Participants
  - Projects Requiring Vertebrates Or Higher Functioning Invertebrates
  - Projects Requiring The Use Of Hazardous Chemicals, Activities, Or Devices (HCAD)
  - Projects Requiring The Use Of Potentially Hazardous Biological Agents (PHBA)

Basic descriptions of the types of projects that fall into each type of form can be found on the [Projects Requiring SRC Research Work Plan Pre-Approval](#) document.