

2026 Vancouver Island Regional Science Fair Request for Ethics and Safety Approval

Before filling out the form, please read the guidelines relevant to your project on ethics and safety provided by Youth Science Canada (<https://mystemspace.ca/start-a-project/safety-and-ethics/>)

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| School Name | | | | |
| Project Title | | | | |
| | First Name | Last Name | Email | Phone |
| Student 1 | | | | |
| Student 2 | | | | |
| Adult Supervisor | | | | |
| Scientific Supervisor | | | | |
| This project involves (check one): | Humans | Animals | Human/ Animal Tissue | Micro- organisms |

Note: Your Scientific Supervisor must have appropriate credentials for the level and subject matter of your project.

Also please note that at the VIRSF, we require that equal care and considerations be given to invertebrate and vertebrate animals.

For more information contact the Ethics Committee at rmmarx@uvic.ca.

Please provide a brief description of your project (less than 200 words).

For Projects Involving the Participation of Humans

Describe any special precautions taken for the project.

Where will you carry out the experiments?

Please describe the qualifications of your scientific supervisor.

How many people will be participating in your experiment? What are their ages?

As part of your Request for a Ruling, you must also submit:

- ✓ a blank copy of your Informed Consent Form that will be distributed to participants
- ✓ a copy of the Letter of Information provided to all participants
- ✓ a copy of the Survey/Test (if your project involves a survey or test)

Please keep a copy of this form for your records.

For Projects Involving the Participation of Humans

Request for Ethics Approval

I have read and understand the information provided on Youth Science Canada's website regarding ethics and the ethical standards of including humans in scientific research and acknowledge that, by including humans as part of my project, I have a duty to protect the well-being, dignity, and privacy of those individuals.

Signature - Student 1

Date

Signature - Student 2

Date

Signature - Adult Supervisor

Date

Signature - Scientific Supervisor

Date

Ethics Approval

I certify that this scientific project involving the participation of humans is in full compliance with Youth Science Canada's Policy on Ethics: Participation of Humans: Low Risk and/or Significant Risk, and that it is eligible for the 2026 Vancouver Island Regional Science Fair and the Canada Wide Science Fair.

Signature - Ethics Committee Member

Date

For Projects Involving the Use of Animals

Describe any special precautions taken for the project.

Where will you carry out the experiments?

Where will you obtain the animals? How will they be cared for during your project?

What will happen to the animals after your project is finished?

Please keep a copy of this form for your records.

For Projects Involving the Use of Animals

Request for Ethics Approval

I have read and understand the information provided on Youth Science Canada's website regarding ethics and the ethical standards of including animals in scientific research and acknowledge that, by including animals as part of my project, I have a duty to protect the welfare and dignity of those animals.

Signature - Student 1

Date

Signature - Student 2

Date

Signature - Adult Supervisor

Date

Signature - Scientific Supervisor

Date

Ethics Approval

I certify that this scientific project involving the use of animals is in full compliance with Youth Science Canada's Policy on Ethics: Use of Invertebrate and Vertebrate Animals, and that it is eligible for the 2026 Vancouver Island Regional Science Fair and the Canada Wide Science Fair.

Signature - Ethics Committee Member

Date

For Projects Involving the Use of Microorganisms

Describe any special precautions taken for the project.

Where will you carry out the experiments?

Where will you obtain the microorganisms? How will they be handled during your project?

What will happen to the microorganisms after your project is finished?

Please keep a copy of this form for your records.

For Projects Involving the Use of Microorganisms

Request for Ethics Approval

I have read and understand the information provided on Youth Science Canada's website regarding safety, ethics and the ethical standards of including microorganisms in scientific research and acknowledge that, by including microorganisms as part of my project, I have a duty to protect the welfare and safety of myself and those around me.

Signature - Student 1

Date

Signature - Student 2

Date

Signature - Adult Supervisor

Date

Signature - Scientific Supervisor

Date

Ethics Approval

I certify that this scientific project involving the participation of microorganisms is in full compliance with Youth Science Canada's Policy on the use of microorganisms, and that it is eligible for the 2026 Vancouver Island Regional Science Fair and the Canada Wide Science Fair.

Signature - Ethics Committee Member

Date