Getting Started

All participating fairs should register with GEARSEF in the early Fall. You can register your fair using the following form: https://goo.gl/forms/UFXLa8k1NUf6XsEv1. While this form has no technical due date, it is important you fill it out early to reserve project participation slots at GEARSEF and to make sure we have an email contact on file for announcements. Please note that project slots at GEAREF are limited! If you are an individual wishing to participate but do not have a sponsoring school or fair, contact Josh King.

All GEARSEF projects must follow the ISEF rules and forms requirements. A list of the forms used by ISEF can be found at https://student.societyforscience.org/intel-isef-forms. The most current ISEF rules can be found at https://student.societyforscience.org/international-rules-pre-college-science-research. See the note on Scienteer below for how we address the rules and forms.

All participating fairs and projects are required to be registered in the online Scienteer system. This system helps streamline the many complicated forms and rules required by ISEF into a step-by-step process. By filling out the registration process in Scienteer, students complete a digital copy of the necessary ISEF forms which may later be printed if they advance to the state or international fair. Participating fairs are also able to organize and review their student projects using the system. A number of helpful resources on using Scienteer can be found at http://www.auburn.edu/cosam/departments/outreach/programs/gearsef/scienteer-help.htm. If you’re new to the ISEF rules or need to get started with Scienteer, please contact Josh King! All winners must be selected and advanced (with their paperwork fully completed) in Scienteer by February 5, 2018.

Paperwork Review

Student projects in Scienteer MUST be reviewed by their local fair for completion and ISEF rules. Although Scienteer is helpful in making sure students fill out all of the necessary information for their project, it is still possible that some things might be missed. As such, the supervising teacher (and fair committees as needed) MUST review each student’s project using the teacher review panel in Scienteer to ensure that all necessary forms have been filled. Failure to do so adequately may result in a number of corrections needed immediately before the fair without sufficient time to address them. Such cases that are not addressed may result in project disqualification. Please do not hesitate to contact us for guidance and questions on this!

GEARSEF also reviews projects for completion and may require corrections. Once you’ve selected the projects advancing to GEARSEF, our committee also reviews all projects. Any issues we mark will show up in Scienteer and must be corrected within one week from the date we notify you of the error. Projects that are not corrected within one week of notification may be disqualified from some awards or advancing to the State fair. This is a necessity due to the high number of projects we have to review in the short time before the fair.

Payment and MOC form

Payment and Minors on Campus (MOC) forms must also be submitted. Both documents are included in the information packet and can be found online on our GEARSEF website. MOC forms require a guardian’s signature and are due before the competition. The Payment Form includes instructions for payment ($20/project). For further information, see our website http://auburn.edu/cosam/gearsef. We will send further information to all those registered in Scienteer as the year progresses. For question, or if you’re new to GEARSEF, please contact Josh King at josh.king@auburn.edu.