

Do you plan to use animals or human subjects in your science fair project?



BEFORE YOU START: Visit Youth Science Canada and become familiar with the research ethics policies that apply to all students in Canada!

<https://mystemspace.ca/start-a-project/safety-and-ethics/>

Questions? Email fvrstf@ufv.ca

Human Participation

Does your project ask participants to complete a written **survey** or a **low-risk activity** that they do every day?

YES

Low Risk

Complete [Form 4.1A](#)

For all participants (and parents/guardians if they are under 19):

1. **Provide a** Letter of Information
2. **Obtain written** informed consent

NO

Higher Risk

Complete [Form 4.1B](#)

Use of Animals

Does your project involve the use of vertebrate animals or cephalopods or their tissues?

NO

Low Risk

Lower orders of life – bacteria, fungi, protozoa, insects, plants and invertebrates – can be used without ethics approval.

YES

Higher Risk

Complete [Form 4.1C](#)

Ensure you have a Scientific Supervisor (usually with university ethics board approval).

WHEN YOU REGISTER: If you did not get ethics pre-approval, your project must still be approved before your Fraser Valley Regional Science Fair registration is complete. Only projects that meet Youth Science Canada ethics guidelines may attend.

