

THE BIG BANG UK YOUNG SCIENTISTS & ENGINEERS COMPETITION RULES & ELIGIBILITY 2020-21



GENERAL RULES

1. Entry to The Competition is free and open to students studying in UK.
2. Competitors can only enter one project into The Competition, either as an individual or as part of a team.
3. Entrants must be aged between 11 and 19 and in full-time secondary education or training at the time when the project is entered.
4. Projects previously displayed at the Finals may re-enter the Competition, however when completing the entry form the entrant(s) must detail how the project has developed since previous submission.
5. Projects will be entered into one of three categories according to the entrant(s)'s school year in the academic year 2020/2021:

CATEGORY	ENGLAND & WALES	NORTHERN IRELAND	SCOTLAND
Junior	7,8,9	8,9,10	P7, S1, S2
Intermediate	10,11	11,12	S3, S4
Senior	12,13	13,14	S5, S6

6. Entry into the Competition is through the online heat only. Online entry will open March 2021 and early May 2021.
7. Entry forms must be completed with all relevant information; incomplete entry forms will not be accepted.
8. Plagiarism is prohibited. The project entry must be the original work of the entrant(s) only.
9. It is the responsibility of the entrant(s) to inform Big Bang Education CIC of any change to their contact details. Failure to do so may result in the entrant not receiving notification of results or other correspondence.
10. Every project entered into the Competition will be reviewed by two judges and one moderator. They will assess projects against the core judging criteria. Judges will then select a number of projects to attend the Competition Finals.
11. The judges' decisions are final and no appeals will be heard or correspondence, relating to result determination, entered into.
12. Big Bang Education CIC reserves the right to revise these rules and regulations at any time. Should it be necessary to do so, The Competition organisers (Big Bang Education CIC) will make every effort to communicate any changes to interested parties as quickly as possible.



13. At the Finals, there will be one winner in each category (Junior, Intermediate, Senior) and an overall winner in each stream, Science or Engineering.
14. At the Finals, runners-up may also be allocated with each category and stream.
15. The winners will be announced at The Competition Awards Ceremony.
16. A full list of prize winners will be published on The Competition website and in any other publications selected by the organisers.
17. Bursaries are awarded at the discretion of Big Bang Education CIC.
18. Finalist projects will be invited to be judged for Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) 2022. Students that want to take part in this opportunity must adhere to the ISEF International Rules and Guidelines.
19. Entrants may submit their projects either as video or written entries.
20. Video entries must be 5–7 minutes long. Judges will not review videos past the 7-minute mark.
21. Written entries will be submitted via an online form template provided by the Competition. Entrants must keep to the following word count:
 - Project overview: 150 words
 - Project concept: 300 words
 - Project process: 400 words
 - Project outline: 400 words
 - Next steps and reflections: 350 words

PROJECT WORK CONDUCT RULES

22. Any projects involving interaction with humans or use of hazardous substances or devices must be in keeping with national health and safety guidelines and those of the entrant's educational institution.

TEAM-SPECIFIC RULE

23. Projects can be completed by teams of any size.
24. Team projects must be represented by at least two members of the team if they gain a place in the Finals.
25. If a team gains a place at The Finals of The Competition and not all team members are able to attend, then those who do attend must represent the whole team and inform the judges which area of the projects they focused on themselves.
26. All team members must be eligible to enter The Competition even if all members are not able to attend the Finals.
27. If not all team members are able to attend the Finals for any reason, then the school or college has responsibility for appropriate allocation of any prizes awarded.
28. Where teams have members spread across categories, the entire team will be allocated based on the category appropriate to the highest year group.



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