



Florida Foundation for Future Scientists

Celebrating 50 Years of Discovery!

Dear Colleague:

Join us in *Celebrating 50 Years of Discovery!* This is our 50th year of sponsoring the State Science and Engineering Fair (SSEF) of Florida as determined by the state legislature. Orlando is prepared to sponsor the State Science and Engineering Fair of Florida and we are excited to be working with this fabulous Host City.

We invite you to share your professional expertise as a Judge for the State Science and Engineering Fair (SSEF) of Florida on **Thursday, April 7, 2005** at the Orange County Convention Center, Orlando. In order to facilitate the Judging process efficiently, we need more than 400 Judges who have exemplary credentials in their area of science research. The evaluation and recognition of student research are the most important aspects of the SSEF, and we welcome your willingness to serve. Approximately 900 outstanding student science research projects will be entered in one of two Sections of the SSEF: Senior (9-12 grades) and Junior (6-8 grades). Students will compete for Place Awards, Special Awards, Scholarship Awards, Opportunity Awards, and Grand Awards. Each project will be placed into one of the following 14 Categories** established in each Section:

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| Behavioral & Social Sciences | (BE) | Earth & Space Sciences | (EA) | Microbiology | (MI) |
| Biochemistry | (BI) | Engineering | (EN) | Physics | (PH) |
| Botany | (BO) | Environmental Sciences | (EV) | Zoology | (ZO) |
| Chemistry | (CH) | Mathematics | (MA) | Teams Projects | (TM) 2-3 members |
| Computer Sciences | (CO) | | | | |

*****NOTE: If you are a parent or mentor/teacher/professor, we ask that you do not commit to a category that involves your child or student participating in this event.**

The following is a tentative schedule of events for **Thursday, April 7th**:

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| 7:30 AM- 8:30 AM | Judges' Registration and Continental Breakfast (provided) |
| 8:30 AM- 9:30 AM | Judges' Briefing and Project Overview |
| 9:30 AM- 11:30 AM | Round 1 Judging |
| 12:00 PM- 1:00 PM | Judges' Lunch (provided) |
| 1:30 PM- 4:00 PM | Round 2 Judging |
| 4:00 PM- 5:00 PM | Round 3 Judging |
| 5:00 PM | Judging Concludes |

You may request as soon as possible by using one of the following steps:

- a) **E-mail to surquiza@mail.ucf.edu (provide all requested information and let us know if you are a former SSEF Participant/Alum)**
- b) **Fill out and mail or fax the enclosed Judge Response Card (numbers provided at bottom of card)**

The 2005 SSEF Host Director is Dr. Ron Atwell of UCF. The SSEF is administered by the FFFS, an organization that is dedicated to the promotion of excellence in science and engineering education in Florida. The FFFS is designated a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization by the Revenue Service (FEID number 59-6155014).

Thank you for your consideration of this request for Judges. Please take time to offer this opportunity to others who might be interested in this opportunity. We look forward to working with you at the 2005 SSEF.

Sincerely,

Nancy Besley, Executive Director and
Jamal Nayfeh, Associate Dean