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76th Annual Los Angeles County Science and Engineering Fair
2025 - 2026 Important Dates & Deadlines

Date	Description
August 15, 2025 Continuing THIS YEAR!!! All students need to complete a **Intend-to-Participate** Google form	**School & Site Coordinator Enrollment Opens** ● Complete online enrollment of school ● Send Enrollment Fee/Waiver Form ● Submit payment **Intend-to-Participate Form Opens** ● Complete a Google Form to find out if your project requires pre-approval ● All projects involving human participants, vertebrates/higher functioning invertebrates, potentially hazardous biological agents (PHBA)- includes : microbes, tissues, cell lines, organs, organ parts, blood products, rDNA, phages and hazardous chemicals/activities/devices (HCAD) need pre-approval by our SRC committee
August 25, 2025 *Pre Approval OPENS*	**SRC Online Submission for Proposed Student Experimentation/Research Opens** ● All projects involving <u>human participants, vertebrates/higher functioning invertebrates, potentially hazardous biological agents and hazardous chemicals/activities/devices</u> require project proposal submission and approval BEFORE experimentation
November 3, 2025 *Pre Approval CLOSES*	**Deadline for SRC Online Submission for Proposed Student Experimentation/Research** ● All projects involving <u>human participants, vertebrates/higher functioning invertebrates, potentially hazardous biological agents and hazardous chemicals/activities/devices</u> require project proposal submission and approval BEFORE experimentation ● This is the last opportunity for students to submit <u>their proposals</u>.
November 10, 2025	**Notification of SRC Approval/Disapproval of Experimentation/Research Plans** ● Notification available to <u>Students and Site Coordinators</u> on <u>LACSEF Portal</u>.
November 10, 2025	**Deadline for Early School Enrollment Fee Payment** ● Check must be postmarked by this date. ● Refer to School Enrollment/Waiver Form for fee schedule.
November 21, 2025	**Final Deadline for Resubmission of Revised Student Experimentation/Research Plan** ● This is for projects that were not approved during initial submission. ● Students may only resubmit their plans once. ● No new submissions accepted.
December 5, 2025	**Notification of SRC Approval/Disapproval of Revised Experimentation/Research Plans** ● Notification available to <u>Student and Site Coordinator</u> on <u>LACSEF portal</u>.
December 5, 2025 *Abstract Submission OPENS*	**Student/Project Online Registration Opens** ● Schools must have already enrolled. ● **All Students** need to register their projects even if they have received SRC approval; SRC Project Approval does NOT mean you are registered. ● Project Abstracts must be included with project registration
January 9, 2026	**Deadline for Changes in Procedure or Protocol for Projects Previously Approved Research Plans** ● Only applicable to those who previously submitted for SRC pre-approval
January 16, 2026	**Notification of Approval/Disapproval of Procedure or Protocol Changes** ● Notification available to <u>Student and Site Coordinator</u> on <u>LACSEF portal</u>.

January 23, 2026 *School Reg. Closes*	**School Online Enrollment Closes, 11:59 PM** **All Fee Waiver Forms Due**
February 9, 2025	**Deadline for Standard School Enrollment Fee Payment** ● Check must be postmarked by this date. ● Refer to School Enrollment/Waiver Form for fee schedule.
February 10, 2026 *Abstract Submission CLOSES*	**Student/Project Online Registration Closes, 11:59 PM** ● Schools must have already enrolled. ● <u>**All Students**</u> need to register their projects even if they have received SRC approval; SRC Project Approval does NOT mean you are registered. ● Project Abstracts must be included with project registration.
February 13, 2026	**Deadline for Site Coordinators to Approve Student Projects, 11:59 PM**
February 20, 2026	**Notification of Approval/Disapproval of Project Submission** ● Projects that require SRC review but did not receive it will NOT be approved. ● Projects that do not abide by LACSEF rules and regulations will NOT be approved. ● Students and Site Coordinators will be notified of projects that are approved/NOT approved.
February 20, 2026 *Online Project Submission OPENS*	**Project Upload Site Opens** ● Project videos, slide deck, reports, and notebooks to be uploaded for review by <u>Judges</u>.
February 27, 2026 *Online Project Submission CLOSES*	**Project Upload Site Closes, 11:59 PM** ● Project videos, slide deck, reports, and notebooks to be uploaded for review by <u>Judges</u>.
March 8, 2026	**Onsite Registration & Project Setup, 10:30 AM - 4:00 PM** **Interactive Exhibits, 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM** **Public Viewing (free), 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM**
March 9, 2026	**Judging & Student Interviews, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM** ● All students must be present for the interviews. **Project Removal, 4:00 PM**
March 10, 2026	**Special Awards Interviews, TBD, if any.** ● Held via Zoom.
March 22, 2026	**Virtual Awards Ceremony, 12:00 PM**

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Student Responsibility
Site Coordinator Responsibility
Science Review Committee (SRC) Responsibility