



BASEF

Bay Area Science and Engineering Fair

(Formerly Hamilton-Wentworth and Halton Science and Engineering Fair)

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Call for Judges

The 43rd Bay Area Science and Engineering Fair (BASEF) will take place at McMaster University, Hamilton on April 2 - 5, 2003.

Previously known as the Hamilton-Wentworth & Halton Science and Engineering Fair, over the years the fair has provided great opportunities for local youth to participate in an exceptional experience. We are affiliated with both national and international science fair organizations, and send many of our winning students on to either the **Canada-Wide Science Fair**, or the **Intel International Science and Engineering Fair**. BASEF 2003 will again give grade 7 to OAC students from Halton Region and the new City of Hamilton the chance to showcase their hard work on science and math related projects. We expect over 250 projects from nearly 400 students at the four-day event. The continued success of this event depends on the support of judges who will volunteer their time, effort and expertise to learning about what students have discovered and want to share. We need more than 100 judges in order to provide the kind of first class judging experience these students deserve!

What do Judges do?

With BASEF, numerous judges are assigned to the basic categories. Those judges are then given a number of student projects to independently evaluate following a fixed set of questions and expectations. Typically four judges are assigned to each project. You will circulate through the exhibits, reviewing your assigned projects, evaluating them without the students present. You will spend 10 to 20 minutes on each project. Later that same day, you will have the opportunity to revisit those assigned projects, but with the student(s) present, in order that you can ask them questions regarding interpretations of their project or findings. You may also provide constructive suggestions to these students who are often looking for ways to improve their research abilities and presentation style. Finally, you will review your judging results with your category Head Judge, and other judges involved in the same category.

What Are The Benefits To Volunteer Judges?

- Share knowledge and experience with today's youth
- Build self confidence
- Develop effective analytical and evaluation skills
- Sharpen your investigative and technical leadership skills in a risk free environment
- Discover opportunities to network within the education, science and engineering communities
- Gain solid experience that translates into supervisory evaluation skills
- Have fun while helping others

How Can I Learn More About Judging?

1. Take a look at the Web Pages for this year's BASEF, which are located at: <http://basef.mcmaster.ca>. The Web Pages include more details on the judging process and categories, and provide an online Registration form for Judges.

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2. Email the BASEF 2003 Judge-in-Chief (basef.judging@mcmaster.ca), or any member of the Organizing Committee.
3. Call us at the BASEF Voice mail numbers (Hamilton & area: (905) 974-7975 or Oakville & area: (905) 693-7076), and we'll get back to you as soon as possible.
4. There may already be someone in your organization who judges! If you'd like to find out call us, and at your request we will let them know of your interest, and ask them to contact you.

Judging for this year's Fair will take place

Thursday April 3, 2003; 8:30am - 4:30 pm
McMaster University, Ivor Wynne Centre

Judges are needed for the following categories and age groups:

- **Life Sciences**
- **Biotechnology**
- **Physical Science**
- **Engineering**
- **Earth & Environmental Sciences**
- **Mathematics and Computer Science**
- **Junior (Grades 7-8) and Intermediate/Senior (Grades 9-OAC)**

New judges will be offered an orientation session and teaming with experienced judges. If you wish to learn more about judging at the Fair or wish to volunteer for the 2003 Fair please contact us!

Thanks for your consideration!

Respectfully,

Tom Crawford, P.Eng.
Judge-in-Chief, BASEF 2003