

Tri-State Science and Engineering Fair to be held on March 10-11

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The University of Southern Indiana's Tri-State Science and Engineering Fair for students in grades K-12 will be held Thursday and Friday, March 10-11, in the Recreation, Fitness and Wellness Center on the USI campus.

This fair has been an annual event at USI since 2007. [Registration](#) is open to students in grades K-12 from schools within a 75-mile radius. The deadline for online registration and paperwork submission is Friday, February 19 for Junior and Elementary divisions. Students may enter their projects in one of 12 categories including animal sciences, behavioral and social sciences, chemistry, earth and environmental sciences, energy: physical and chemical, engineering, mathematics, medicine and health sciences, microbiology, molecular and cellular biology, physics and astronomy, plant sciences, and robotics, computers, and systems software.

Participants will compete in three divisions. The Elementary Division is for students in grades K-3 wishing to research and develop an invention; the Junior Division is for students in grades four to eight; and the Senior Division is for students in grades nine to twelve.

Awards will include Apple iPad Airs for top winners in the Senior Division, Apple iPad Minis for the top winners in the Junior Division, and Apple iPod Touches for the top winners in the Elementary Division, as well as cash awards and trophies for other winners. The event also serves as the qualifier for the Hoosier Science and Engineering Fair and the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair.

Project exhibitors will set up their projects from noon to 4 p.m. Thursday. Judging will take place from 6 to 8:00 p.m. During this time, USI academic departments will be on hand in the exhibit hall to speak with parents and students about USI programming and activities.

Volunteers interested in judging any of the categories are invited to [register](#) by Friday, February 12. The event will be open for free public admission 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, March 10. The awards ceremony will be held at 6:30 p.m. on March 10 in Mitchell Auditorium in the Health Professions Center.

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