

Canada-Wide Science Fair 2017

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500 of Canada's brightest young scientists are making their way to Regina for the **56th edition of the Canada-Wide Science Fair**, May 14-20, 2017.

The event is set to feature these student finalists and their 400 projects, selected from 25,000 regional science fair participants from across the country. 6,000 visitors are also making their way to the Regina area, making this Canada's largest youth science competition. Visitors include 500 volunteers, 350 judges, 200 chaperones and the public.

The national science fair, taking place on the University of Regina campus, welcomes the student finalists from Grades 7 to 12 who have identified solutions to a local, regional or global concern through their science project. This year's projects address issues related to energy, environment, health, information, resources and other areas of discovery and innovation. The finalists are competing for nearly \$1 million in cash awards and scholarships and will be assessed by volunteer judges, including professional scientists, researchers, and engineers.

"It's a thrill to host this showcase of finalists from our regional fairs across the country," says Jim Jo, Vice-President at Saskatchewan Association of Science Fairs. "Everyone involved is committed to supporting youth as they develop solutions that will help humanity in the years and generations to come. Each year, the Canada-Wide Science Fair brings thousands of people together and we're simply delighted to welcome them to Regina, and celebrate the achievements of the finalists."

The Saskatchewan Association of Science Fairs, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting and encouraging youth in Saskatchewan to develop scientific literacy and participate in science fairs, is the local host organization in Regina; the welcoming committee for the finalists, delegates, and visitors heading to the fair.

The group has worked with Youth Science Canada for the past two years to organize this year's event and has set the stage for a great week ahead. Further to the traditional science fair happenings, the host committee has organized fun nights for the finalists and delegates; tours of the local region on tour day, May 17; and "UR a Scientist" experiences for finalists in science and engineering labs at the University of Regina, with researchers and professors from diverse areas of STEM.

"It takes 10 to 15 years to 'grow' a scientist or engineer," says Reni Barlow, Managing Director at Youth Science Canada, of which the fair is its flagship program. "We are proud to help sow the seeds as we help youth pursue satisfying careers that will

enhance Canada's ability to fulfill its potential in science, technology, and innovation.?

Alongside the competition, the fair is set to feature **STEAM 2017**, a festival of learning in science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics. This three-day showcase, beginning May 18, will provide the finalists, as well as students from across Saskatchewan, the opportunity to experience innovation through interactive displays from industry leaders, as they begin the process of determining their future careers.

The event will serve as the Regina stop for **Innovation150**, an interactive nationwide tour by five leading science organizations that celebrates Canada's innovative past and sparks the ideas and ingenuity that will propel our future. It's also part of Innovation Festival: Saskatchewan, a three-month celebration of innovation across the province organized by Innovation150 partners and the Saskatchewan Science Centre.

The Canada-Wide Science Fair is a flagship **Science Odyssey** event. Powered by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, Science Odyssey is Canada's largest celebration of science, technology, engineering and mathematics, bringing together youth, outreach organizations and the public for 10 days of discovery and innovation. For more information, follow Science Odyssey on Facebook and Twitter.

More information on what is coming up this week can be found on the Canada-Wide Science Fair website or on the CWSF App, downloadable from the Apple or Android App Stores and accessible online at [cwsf](#) [1]- [espc](#) [1]. Stay up to date on everything happening at the fair by following the Canada-Wide Science Fair on [Facebook](#)[2] and [Twitter](#)[3].

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