

MASTERS Science and Engineering Fair FAQs (Science & Engineering Fair for Middle School Students)

- 1) **What does MASTERS stand for?**
Madison Area Science, Technology & Engineering Rising Stars
- 2) **Who can participate in the MASTERS Fair?**
Any middle school student (grades 6 through 8) in Madison, WI and the surrounding area. A 5th grader is also eligible if attending a middle school along with 6th to 8th graders.
- 3) **Can I work with another student?**
Yes. Working independently or with another student is acceptable. If you are working together, we recommend a team of two students (not more than three)
- 4) **What kind of projects are acceptable?**
The project you wish to enter in the Fair is fairly open. You are encouraged to choose a topic of your interest and explore it beyond what is taught at school. It's an opportunity to exhibit your passion for science-related topic.
- 5) **Should all projects be science related?**
Not necessarily. We encourage you to work on a STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) field. However, there are other areas that lend itself to information gathering, analysis, synthesis, and presentation. There are many social science topics and projects that are very suitable (for example, a survey you do at school).
- 6) **Can you give me some example projects?**
Last year's projects at the MASTERS can be accessed at:
<https://dpi.wi.gov/science/science-fairs/masters>
Another site that is useful with several suggested projects is:
<https://www.sciencebuddies.org/science-fair-projects/project-ideas/middle-school>
- 7) **How are projects judged? Are there awards/prizes for the winners?**
The projects are judged by teachers and college students/graduates, who will speak to you and learn what and how you did your project.
All participants will receive a medal and the top-three winners will get trophies. There will be pizza for everyone.
- 8) **What is a typical display at the Fair?**
Typically, most students will bring a poster. But it can be a model, diorama, computer program, design/drawing, etc. The goal is to help you express your work in a way the viewers can understand and appreciate.
- 9) **How can I register for the Fair?**
You can register for the Fair at the following site.
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdMBvs87Hg8uy5uQgxxhNArEHHmJnlIDAkos5xGCjKvWREWsw/viewform>
- 10) **What is the registration deadline?**
Please register by April 15. If you need additional time, you should email the Fair Director at MASTERS.ScienceFair@gmail.com requesting an extension.