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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Twin Cities Regional Science Fair Seeking Judges

"Evaluating projects presented by TCRSF participants reveals an exciting range of achievements in spite of broad disparity of opportunities available to middle and secondary school students. It is inspiring to observe the level of curiosity that these students display about how things work and happen in the natural world." *John S. Anderson,
Professor Emeritus*

University of Minnesota, College of Biological Sciences

The Twin Cities Regional Science Fairs (TCRSF) exist solely for the betterment of youth in the Twin Cities area. These Fairs provide opportunities for interaction with professionals, discussion of project goals, presentation of ideas, and project analysis for all youth throughout the Twin Cities nine-county area. Supporting under-represented groups with financial assistance, mentor involvement, and project guidance are TCRSF primary goals, striving to motivate, and encourage, all students' efforts with the philosophy of, "Everyone who tries is a winner."

This regional science fair attracts several hundred student participants from grades 6 through 12, so more than a hundred volunteers are needed to judge (evaluate) students' projects. Many judges may be repeaters from previous years science fairs. Judges come from a wide variety of science backgrounds.

Details of volunteer duties: Volunteer judges are needed to judge both within and outside of their fields of expertise so that students will have to clearly present their projects to scientists who may not know the jargon of the project. Judges will read and score middle school and high school papers online and attend an in-person judging day at the Lee & Rose Warner Coliseum.

Volunteer Eligibility and Training Requirements: We ask that high school project judges have at least a bachelor's degree in a science field, or five(5) or more years of work experience in science/engineering. Upper-division college undergraduate students in a science/technology field sign up to judge only middle school projects/papers.

Dates, times of judging schedules: The times for evaluating student projects must be within the following time windows:

February 2–17, 2024: Online Research High School & Middle School Paper Judging.

February 26, 2024: Judges will have access to online project information.

March 1, 2024, 4-8 pm: In-person judging of High School and Middle School projects at the Lee & Rose Warner Coliseum, Clough St & Judson Ave, St. Paul 55108. Free parking and buffet dinner for all volunteers and judges.

March 1, 2024, 1 pm: Awards program

Physical expectations/limitations: None

What to wear: Business casual

Deadline for volunteer application: As soon as possible as judging by volunteers begins February 2, 2024.

**Please indicate at registration whether you are a URVC/UMRA volunteer.*



Deadline for volunteer application: Immediate

To register for this activity

To register for this activity, click on the following link:

[Twin Cities Regional Science Fair Judge Application](#)

You may also contact the University Retirees Volunteer Center, by email (preferred) at URVC@UMN.EDU or by phone at 612-625-8016

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