

Contest Announcement
Science Rendezvous' Toronto District Science Fair
Poster Contest for High School Students

Prize Amount: \$300 to the student(s) with the winning poster, \$700 to the winning student(s)' affiliated classroom

Funding Source: U of T Science Rendezvous Science Education Fund

Registration Deadline: Friday March 31st, 2017 (<https://tinyurl.com/SR2017-Poster-Registration>)

Poster Topic Submission Deadline: Friday April 28th, 2017 (<https://tinyurl.com/SR2017-Topic-Submission>)

Date of Competition: Science Rendezvous, Saturday May 13th, 2017 (10:00 am – 1:00 pm)

Location of Competition: Bahen Centre Atrium, University of Toronto (St. George Campus)

Description

Science Rendezvous' Poster Contest is a Toronto-wide competition open to students in **grades 9-12**. Each participant will present a poster in line with this year's topic (**Scientific Achievements in Canada**). The competition will be held at the **Toronto District Science Fair** during the morning of **Science Rendezvous at the University of Toronto**. This competition serves to publicly showcase the talent and innovation of Toronto District teachers and students while providing scholarship prizes to enhance their interest in science.

Prize

\$300.00 to the winning poster (individual student or group)

\$700.00 to the winner's affiliated classroom to enhance current and future science education

Eligibility

- Students must be between **grades 9-12**
- Students may register as an **individual** or in **groups of up to 3**
- Students must register with a **supervising science teacher**.

Poster Guidelines

- All posters must discuss the topic chosen by the Science Rendezvous U of T committee. **To commemorate Canada's 150th birthday and Science Rendezvous' 10th anniversary, this year's topic is "Scientific Achievements in Canada"**. Students must choose a scientific achievement, innovation, or scientist (in Canada or by a Canadian) and create a poster highlighting its/their impact on Canada and the world.
- Posters must be created using a **self-standing display board**, such as *Elmer's 36in x 48in tri-fold display board*. (Display boards made of black/white-coloured foam-core or corrugated cardboard

are readily available at many retailers including Wal-Mart and Michaels ranging from \$4 to \$14 per board depending on the material.)

- All posters must prominently display:
 - **Student's name(s) and grade**
 - **Supervising teacher's name**
 - **School affiliation**
 - **Project title**
- Poster topics must be submitted by **Friday, April 28th, 2017**.

Judging criteria

All poster presentations will be displayed simultaneously and students will have the opportunity to hone their oral presentation skills through **mini poster talks** with attendees and judges. As part of Science Rendezvous at U of T the poster contest will be **judged by U of T faculty and graduate researchers** and open to Science Rendezvous' 10,000+ attendees - giving students the opportunity to showcase their work to leading researchers and innovators in STEM as well as the broader public.

Posters will be evaluated on the following:

- **Scientific accuracy**
- **Scientific depth**
- **Creativity**
- **Aesthetics**
- **Oral presentation and communication**
- **Enthusiasm of the student**

Registration Process

Students will register with supervising teachers on a first-come, first-served basis (tinyurl.com/SR2017-Poster-Registration). **Registration closes Friday, March 31st, 2017**. Confirmation of eligibility and registration will be sent within two business days. If registration is full, a confirmation of waitlist status will be sent.

Successful registrants must submit their poster topics by **Friday, April 28th, 2017** (tinyurl.com/SR2017-Topic-Submission). Confirmation of attendance must be submitted at this time and should include the student's name(s), the project title, and poster proof-of-completion (a photo of the poster).

Waitlisted candidates will be notified if additional spots should become available.

About Science Rendezvous

Science Rendezvous is a free Canada-wide science street fair that moves state-of-the-art laboratories and research facilities into city streets. Serving science fans of all ages, Science Rendezvous brings kids and adults alike face-to-face with the scientists, engineers, clubs, and researchers at the frontiers of innovation. With this behind-the-scenes look at science, we hope to spark children's interest in STEM disciplines, and to improve scientific literacy in the general public by making science more accessible and interactive. In 2017, Science Rendezvous U of T will host its second annual Toronto District Science

Fair, offering students from Toronto schools the chance to demonstrate their STEM knowledge to the community and showcase their work alongside that of Canada's leading scientists and innovators.

Additional Resources & Contact

If you have any questions about this contest or this award please contact:

Caroline Pao
U of T Science Rendezvous Science Education Office
caroline.pao@mail.utoronto.ca