

Young Jewish Innovators Challenge 5783

Registration and Program Information

1. The Young Jewish Innovators Challenge is open to 9th and 10th-grade female students in Orthodox Jewish Parochial schools in Chicago, IL and neighboring suburbs.
2. Participants must check their email frequently for relevant and timely contest communications from YJIC@walderlab.org (make sure this address doesn't go to spam). Any updates in scheduling or contest procedures will be emailed out, and participants will be immediately responsible to adhere to them. If a participant lacks email access, they can let us know well in advance and we will be happy to make other arrangements for communication.
3. Information and links to the assignments will be posted on the YJIC website <https://walderlab.org/innovators/>
4. The registration fee must be paid by no later than Monday, November 15, 2022. Registrants may attend the the first welcome event and pay before the payment deadline. If the payment is not made by this date, the participant will be dropped from the challenge. If a participant decides to not continue in the program after this point, the registration cannot be refunded. The registration fee covers books, supplies, admissions, transportation costs and meals (during in-person events).
5. All in-person events will take place at Walder Science 3050 W. Touhy, unless otherwise noted.
6. Supervised lab access on filtered computers is available by appointment. Please email yjic@walderlab.org or call 773-649-5358
7. Participants agree to have their names and likeness used in Walder Science promotional materials.
8. All students who complete the contest and all its requirements receive a certificate and a letter of completion, which can be highlighted on a job resume or a college application.

Rules

1. Academic and scientific honesty, and integrity are requisite.
2. All entries must be the contestants' original work. If the submission is an extension of existing work citations must be made. Projects that were used in a past presentation or other competitions will not be considered. Mentors, teachers, parents, etc. may ONLY guide the students, but may not execute or create any part of the submission.
3. Participants will be scored on a total of points earned from attendance and participation at four live sessions, one-two field trip(s), independent work (readings, videos, assignments), a Slideshow presentation and Oral Presentation.
4. Assignments are due on announced due dates. Deductions will be made for assignments submitted late.
5. Details of the slideshow and oral presentation submission requirements, deadlines and rubrics are distributed at the sessions.
6. All submissions must be in English. If a language other than English is used, an English translation must follow in parenthesis
7. Students must work in teams of 2 or 3 students. Team member names must submitted in writing or by email by December 5, 2022 11:59 pm. If a member drops out, replacements are not allowed after the deadline of December 5th.
8. Safety measures and protocols must be followed.
9. Classroom and Zoom decorum protocols are expected to followed.
10. Participant and entire teams may be disqualified if any rules are not followed. Disqualification of contestants is up to the sole discretion of Walder Science YJIC contest.
11. The final project must be submitted electronically by 11:59pm on February 7, 2023. No late submissions will be allowed.

12. If you wish to have your slide presentation reviewed in advance of the due date, make a request of the director for arrangements.

Scoring

1. There is a total of 105 points in this challenge. A maximum of 40 points for attendance at sessions, field trips and submission of small assignments; Maximum of 64 points for the final presentation and 1 point for submission
2. Score calculation = The total points awarded to each team member/the number of team members.
3. The team with the highest number of points will win first prize. The team with the second highest number of points will win second prize, etc.
4. Participants who present at the culminating event and earn a total of 70 points or more are eligible to attend the culminating trip.

Prizes

1. First prize is \$500 for each team member
2. Second prize is \$350 for each team member
3. Third prize is \$250 for each team member
4. Honorable mention is \$150 for each team member