

## The Big Bang UK Young Scientists & Engineers Competition Rules and Eligibility Criteria 2017/18

### General Rules

1. Entry to The Competition is free and open to UK residents.
2. Competitors can only enter one project in The Competition, either as an individual or as part of a team.
3. Entrants must be aged between 11 and 19 and be, or have been in full-time education or training at the when the project was completed – see 4 for qualification period.
4. Projects must have been completed between 1 July 2016 and 30 October 2017. Up to a maximum of twelve months of project work is eligible for judging.
5. Projects previously displayed at the finals of The Competition are not eligible for resubmission unless 50% of the project is new or has been significantly progressed/developed in the last 12 months and the project is eligible within a new category (see below table).
6. Projects will be entered into one of three categories according to the entrant's school year on the 30th June 2017:

Category	England & Wales Year Group	Northern Ireland Year Group	Scotland Year Group
Junior	7, 8 , 9	8, 9, 10	P7, S1, S2
Intermediate	10, 11	11, 12	S3, S4
Senior	12, 13	13, 14	S5, S6

7. Entry is via online or heats at selected Big Bang Near Me Fairs held from start of January to end of October in the year of application.
8. Entry forms must be completed with all relevant information; incomplete entry forms will not be accepted.
9. Plagiarism is prohibited. The project entry must be the original work of the entrant(s) only.
10. It is the responsibility of the entrant to inform Big Bang Education CIC of any change to their contact details. Failure to do so may result in the entrant not receiving notification of results or other correspondence.

11. The judges' decisions are final and no appeals will be heard or correspondence, relating to result determination, entered into.
12. Big Bang Education CIC reserves the right to revise these rules and regulations at any time. Should it be necessary to do so, The Competition organisers (Big Bang Education CIC) will make every effort to communicate any changes to interested parties as quickly as possible.
13. There will be one winner in each category (Junior, Intermediate, Senior) and an overall winner in each stream, Science or Engineering.
14. Runners-up may also be allocated with each category and stream.
15. Special prizes may have other rules/criteria which are different to the core Big Bang Competition prizes and will only be awarded where these criteria have been met.
16. The winners will be announced at The Competition Awards Ceremony at The Fair.
17. A full list of prize winners will be published on The Competition website and in any other publications selected by the organisers.
18. Bursaries are awarded at the discretion of Big Bang Education CIC.

### **Team-specific rules**

1. Projects can be completed by teams of any size; however, only six members of a team are permitted on the stand at the Finals at any one time.
2. Team projects must be represented by at least two members of the team if they gain a place in the Finals.
3. If a team gains a place at The Finals of The Competition and not all team members are able to attend, then those who do attend must represent the whole team and inform the judges which area of the projects they focused on themselves.
4. All team members must be eligible to enter The Competition (i.e. in education or training within years 7-13 (or equivalent years in NI or Scotland)) even if all members are not able to attend the Finals at The Fair.
5. If not all team members are able to attend the Finals for any reason, then the school or college has responsibility for appropriate allocation of any prizes awarded.
6. Where teams have members spread across categories, the entire team will be allocated based on the category appropriate to the highest year group.