

Big Bang Competition Volunteer Judge 13 March 2019



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Overview

[The Big Bang UK Young Scientists & Engineers Competition](#) aims to recognise and reward young people's achievements in all areas of science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) and provide them with the opportunity to build their skills and confidence in project-based work.

The Big Bang Competition Finals will take place at The Big Bang Fair. Finalists will compete for a number of exciting prizes, including top and runner up prizes in the Junior, Intermediate & Senior categories for Science and Engineering, as well as the coveted title of GSK UK Young Scientist(s) and UK Young Engineer(s) of the Year 2018.

- Where: The NEC, Birmingham
- Dates: 13 March 2019
- Time: 8am – 4pm
- Contact: Elena (Volunteer Manager) EMartin-Laguna@engineeringuk.com

Why do we need you?

As a Big Bang Competition Judge you will celebrate and assess the Big Bang Competition finalist projects in your area of STEM expertise. The entries are submitted by schools from across the country and are an important part of the wider Big Bang UK Young Scientist & Engineers Fair.

The Big Bang Team needs you to share your time and expertise to assess projects against agreed criteria and shortlist candidates for UK Young Scientist/Engineer of the Year. With over 80,000 visitors in 2018, The Big Bang Fair simply couldn't run without the support of our amazing volunteers. We need over 400 volunteers for next year's Fair. You are welcome to volunteer also on the 14, 15 and 16 March in a different capacity.

What activities will you be involved in?

As a judge you will have a unique opportunity to **inspire, motivate our young students and to assess projects** against agreed criteria:

- Supporting students to present their project helping them to feel comfortable.
- Assessing projects against agreed criteria such as project concept, process, outcomes and personal skills.
- Working together with a team of judges and the moderator to deliberate on their findings.

What skills and abilities are we looking for?

Our volunteers play a vital role in making The Big Bang Competition a massive success. We are looking for volunteers who are **friendly, reliable and enjoy working with young people**.

We are looking for volunteers with a **STEM background** and:

- An ability to communicate and interact positively with young people.
- Excellent interpersonal skills to encourage students in a friendly manner.
- An ability to work as a part of a team and learn from others.
- Impartiality and analytical skills to assess the STEM-based projects.

If you have any questions about these requirements, please do not hesitate to contact us as soon as possible so we can discuss any reasonable adjustments.

What can you gain from this opportunity?

- Having a rewarding experience making a difference to young people and inspiring them.
- Playing an integral role in a prestigious competition that recognises and rewards the UK's young science and engineering talent.
- Extensive networking opportunities, joining an enthusiastic team of people.
- Developing analytical and evaluation skills.

Is there any training?

We aim to give all our volunteers a unique experience at the Big Bang Fair. We will provide you with training and support throughout your volunteering role:

- Interactive **induction** for new volunteers (1 h, online).
- **Role specific training** for judges and moderators (1 h, online).
- **Judges' Handbook**.
- **On-site briefing** on the day (30 mins, face to face). Arrival 8 am for a prompt start at 8.15 am. If you are volunteering more than one day you don't need to attend the briefing on the following day.
- **On-site support and supervision** from the Volunteering and Competitions teams.

Apply to volunteer

Who should you contact? What are the next steps?

To apply, please complete the online application form [here](#). For more information, please contact **Elena Laguna (Volunteer Manager)** on EMartin-Laguna@engineeringuk.com or 07934295509.

