



SUBMIT YOUR PROJECT TO THE

2027 Zimbabwe Science Fair

Young people solving problems.

Registration open

1 Nov 2026 – 22 Jan 2027

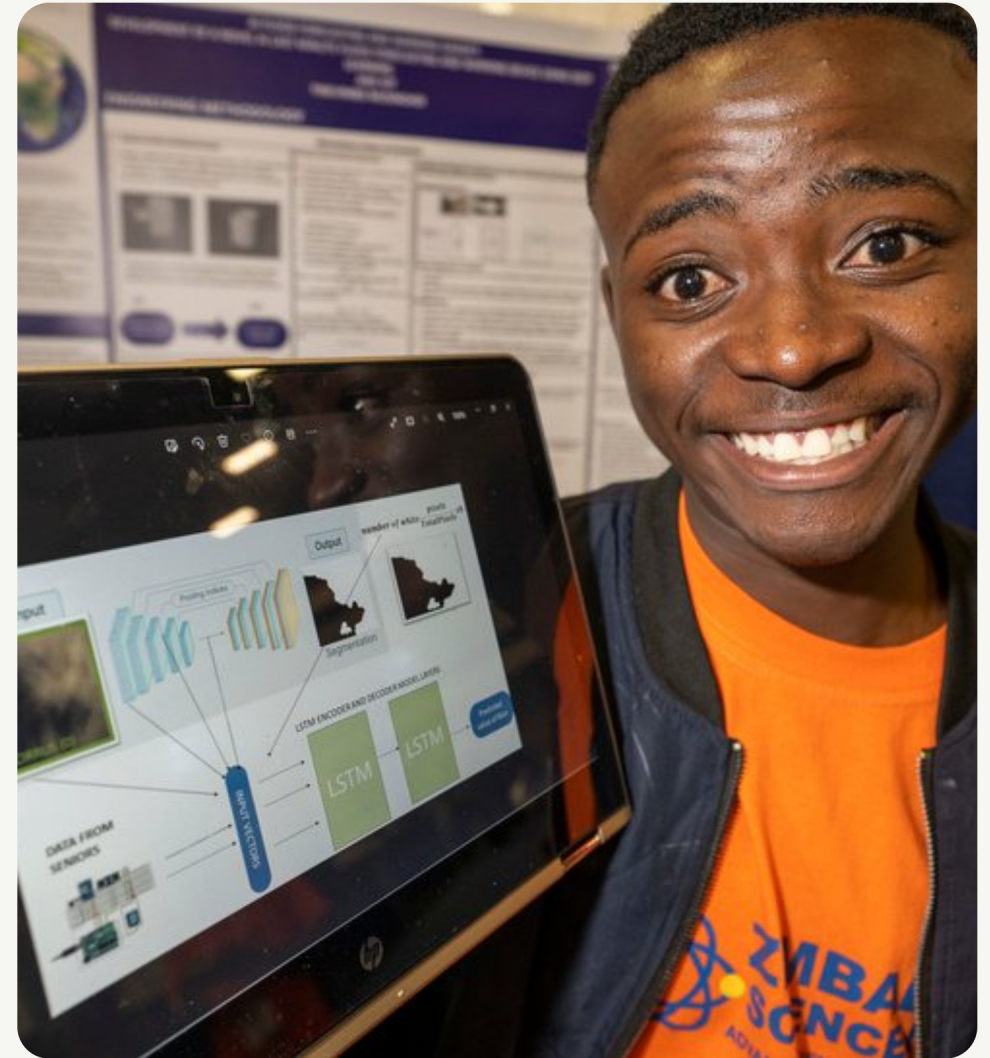


ABOUT THE FAIR

What is the Zimbabwe Science Fair?

The country's biggest and most prestigious science competition for primary and high school students.

It recognises, celebrates and supports Zimbabwe's most brilliant young people who are using STEM to solve society's grand challenges — moving beyond *learning about science* to **doing science**.



WHERE ZSF CAN TAKE YOU

Our alumni are already changing the world

Harvard

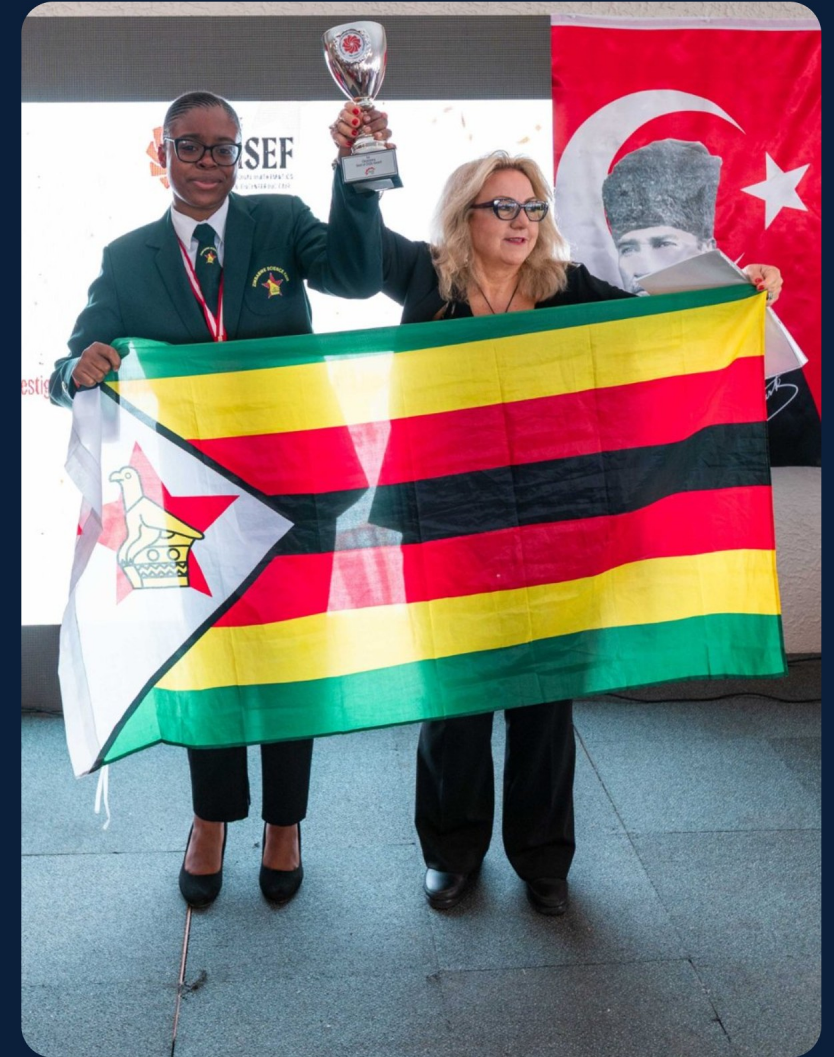
Scholarships to leading research institutions

US\$50,000+

Won in cash awards at competitions like ISEF

Startups

Science fair projects turned into businesses



What makes ZSF different

Research, not just demonstrations

Students investigate, gather evidence and draw their own conclusions.

Real problems, local solutions

Challenges that matter to communities in Zimbabwe — and across Africa.

Creativity backed by evidence

Ideas are tested and refined; we value what failed experiments teach.

A national platform

Students meet scientists, engineers, academics and fellow innovators.

A pathway to the world

Top projects can qualify for international competitions such as ISEF.

Young people can help solve the problems of today.



ELIGIBILITY

Who can participate?

- 🎓 **Grade 3 to Form 6** students in Zimbabwean primary and high schools
- 👥 **Individual or team projects** — teams of up to 3 members
- ✅ Projects must follow the **ZSF rules and guidelines**

NEW FOR 2027

Two regional editions

The fair has grown. Students take part in the edition closest to their province.

BULAWAYO EDITION

18–19 Feb 2027

For provinces near Bulawayo

HARARE EDITION

25–26 Feb 2027

For provinces near Harare



HOW TO BUILD YOUR PROJECT

The research journey

1

Discover a question

Define a focused research question or problem.

2

Explore what's known

Read credible sources and previous research.

3

Design an approach

Experiments, fieldwork, surveys, prototypes or code.

4

Conduct the research

Collect data, test ideas and keep careful records.

5

Analyse the evidence

Interpret results and recognise limitations.

6

Communicate the work

Explain the problem, method, results and contribution.

7

Present and learn

Answer judges' questions and plan next steps.

Start with a question you care about.

RESEARCH AREAS

What can you investigate?



Agriculture and plant sciences

Crops, pests, food security



Biological and biomedical sciences

Living systems, biotechnology



Chemistry and materials science

Water quality, waste, new materials



Earth and environmental sciences

Climate, biodiversity, pollution



Engineering and technology

Devices, machines, prototypes



Energy and sustainable development

Renewables, efficiency, storage



Computer science, AI and robotics

Software, intelligent systems



Physics, maths and astronomy

Models, experiments, the universe



WHAT JUDGES LOOK FOR

What makes a strong project?

Quality	What it means
A clear question	You know what you are investigating and why
Sound method	A systematic approach that produces evidence
Evidence and analysis	Conclusions supported by your data
Creativity	Inventive thinking or a useful improvement
Potential impact	How it could benefit society or the environment
Student ownership	You can explain every step of your work
Reflection	Limitations recognised, next steps considered

REGISTRATION

How does it work?



Register online

Complete the form at
www.zimsciencefair.org



Submit your project

Include a project summary
and report



Pay the fee

The registration fee is paid
before you submit



Deadline

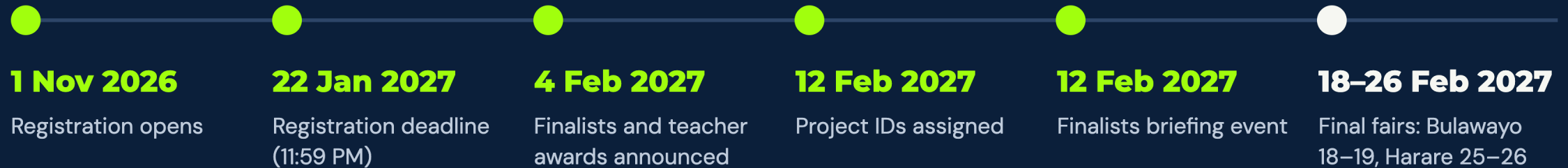
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New in 2027: awards for teachers and schools that register many projects.

PLAN AHEAD

Key dates for 2027



Mentorship, safety and integrity



Mentors guide, students lead

Teachers, scientists and engineers can help refine questions and methods — but the research must be the student's own.



Approval before you start

Projects with human participants, hazardous chemicals, devices or biological agents may need approval first — never after.



Honest research

Keep true records, credit your sources and report results accurately. Fabricating data is never acceptable.

INTERNATIONAL HORIZONS

From Zimbabwe to the world

As an affiliate of the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF), ZSF offers outstanding high school projects a pathway to the world stage.

Awards celebrate effort, creativity and scientific understanding — and we honour the teachers, mentors and families behind every project.





Zimbabwe's next great discovery may begin with your question.

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**Registration closes 22
Jan 2027**

