



CONNECTICUT SCIENCE FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC  
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Dear Principals and School Science Program Coordinators:

The 2021 Connecticut Science & Engineering Fair will be held at virtually the weeks of March 8-20. The Urban School Challenge, generously sponsored by the Jackson Laboratory and the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering, provides an opportunity for students from alliance school districts to compete in a special category in addition to the regular fair. This category was specifically developed to offer underrepresented students an expanded opportunity to develop their interests and talents in STEM. In addition, we offer mini-grants for teachers to serve these students who may not have the means to support their own research experiences. We encourage teachers, students, and schools to participate in this valuable program.

The Urban School Challenge offers unique benefits to students from state-identified Alliance Schools Districts. Middle school (Grades 7-8) and High School (Grades 9-12) students from schools that are part of the Connecticut Alliance Program are eligible to compete in this additional category. The 2021 USC will offer the following prizes:

- The top High School project (individual or team) wins the opportunity to compete in the Regeneron International Science & Engineering Fair.
- The top 8th grade project wins the opportunity to compete at GENIUS Olympiad.
- The top 7th grade project wins a week at Project Oceanology's Ocean Camp.
- All students are eligible for special category awards, as well as Regular and Special Awards.

The following public school districts are eligible to participate in the Urban School Challenge:

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| Ansonia       | Groton     | New Britain | Torrington    |
| Bloomfield    | Hamden     | New Haven   | Vernon        |
| Bridgeport    | Hartford   | New London  | Waterbury     |
| Bristol       | Killingly  | Norwalk     | West Haven    |
| Danbury       | Manchester | Norwich     | Winchester    |
| Derby         | Meriden    | Putnam      | Windham       |
| East Hartford | Middletown | Stamford    | Windsor       |
| East Haven    | Naugatuck  | Thompson    | Windsor Locks |
| East Windsor  |            |             |               |

Please share this information with your staff and let us know if we can provide you with further information.

Sincerely,

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