

General Rules

- In all aspects of scientific research, the researcher must maintain integrity.
- Researchers must avoid any scientific misconduct or fraud, such as falsifying data or records, and piracy or plagiarism (presenting the work of another researcher as one's own).
- All competitors and supervisors have to communicate in English well enough to present their projects.
- A maximum of two students may represent a project.
- Students may compete with only one project each year.
- The same project cannot be submitted twice in different years without any progress since its first submission. Any progress has to be pointed out in the new application.
- All students must attend the GCIEP Olympiad with an adult supervisor (a teacher or a parent).
- Registration is compulsory. It should be filled by the supervisor of the project, using the GCIEP Olympiad website(www.goldenclimate.com) to provide school and participant information.
- **The final application requires you to submit a double-spaced research paper with a maximum of six pages; including abstract, introduction, goals, methods, results and discussion, and a conclusion.**
- The GCIEP Olympiad Judging Committee will decide which applicants will attend the event.
- Supervisors should obtain parental consent forms for each student who competes at the GCIEP Olympiad. Parental consent forms must be submitted to GCIEP Olympiad at the registration desk.
- All students are required to adhere to the rules set by the GCIEP Olympiad, and these rules may change without any notification.

Rules for Competitors

- Every participating group will have their own stand.
- A table will be provided for every project. Points will be awarded for the overall arrangement and neatness of the stands.
- Students should come to the competition with pre-printed materials to prepare their stands.
- **The project poster should be A1 (594mm x 841mm) in size;** and should include at least the following sections: introduction, goal, results and discussion, conclusion, and references.
- The presentation procedure for the projects will be as follows. A room will be set aside for jurors. Inside the room will be a computer and projector, as well as the judges, seated. Each of the competing groups will be called in one-by one and they will be expected to use the computer and projector provided to present their project. The participants will be given 15min each for the presentation (10 minutes for participants to present their project and 5 minutes for questions and answers).



- The project supervisor may be present in the presentation room, but they will not be allowed to contribute to the presentation. The jurors will award points during the presentations and the winners will be decided later on.
- Each participating group is therefore expected to have their project in any visual or audiovisual format such as a powerpoint presentation, video, animation or any other format that can be presented easily using the computer and projector.
- Students must keep a research notebook as they conduct their research and should bring their notebook to GCIEP Olympiad.
- Students are advised to bring multiple copies of their final research paper to distribute to curious viewers.
- No cell phones are allowed during the judging period.
- No outside food or drink is allowed to the event room.
- **The research paper should include:**
 - **An abstract (less than 200 words)**
 - **An introduction (with a summary of the literature)**
 - **A section stating the goal of the project**
 - **A section on the methods used to achieve the goal**
 - **A results and discussion section**
 - **A conclusion, and**
 - **A list of References.**
- **The research paper should be a maximum of six pages, double-spaced, and should include, in a header on every page, the student's last and the first name, and country. An acceptable font size is 11 or 12 for Calibri or Arial. Page margins should be one inch or more (2.5 cm) from each side. Acceptable file formats for the research paper are "doc" and "docx" (Word 97-2008), "PDF".**
- The following items will not be allowed: microbial cultures or fungi (live or dead); displays of live animals, preserved vertebrate animals, whether in whole or part (this includes humans); open or concealed flames, matches, or lighters; hazardous chemicals; highly combustible solids, fluids, or gases; sharp items (syringes, needles, knives); controlled substances; and radioactive material.
- Proper procedures must be followed in regard to human subjects. When human subjects are used in research (including survey research), they have to be fully informed of any risks and have to give consent to the procedures, in possession of full knowledge of the risks (this is known as informed consent).
- Informed consent should be obtained for all minors and for adults when more than minimal risk is involved in participating in the project. Minimal risk is defined as the probability of harm or discomfort anticipated in the research.