



# **The Abdus Salam Science Fair**

at the **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Quran & Science Symposium**  
Bait-ur-Rahman Mosque, Silver Spring, MD

**Sat. Jan 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

*Interactive judging with poster or project presenters  
during Session 3 (1:00PM-2:30PM)*

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Poster or project registration at [www.muslimscientists.org](http://www.muslimscientists.org)  
Please submit your poster or project for displaying, on arrival at the Symposium

*FAQs and tips on the back*

*Hosted by  
the **Ahmadi Women Scientist Association (AWSA)**, and the  
**Association of Ahmadi Muslim Scientists (AAMS) USA***

## Frequently asked questions (FAQs) and tips for the Abdus Salam Science Fair

**Who can submit a poster or project?** A Symposium attendee, girl or boy, of any age or academic level. This includes elementary school all the way up to full professor. You can submit more than one poster or project. You can also submit a poster or project that you presented elsewhere within the last one year.

**Do I need to register?** Yes, during online registration for the Quran and Science Symposium, at [www.muslimscientists.org](http://www.muslimscientists.org). There will be a section to provide (1) your poster or project title and (2) a short abstract of the poster or project (of 150-250 words). An abstract is optional, but recommended.

**What are the poster or project guidelines?** Suggested poster sizes are 48"x36" or 36"x24". Hands on model projects should not contain any hazardous material. Posters and project should be free-standing, for example with a trifold, and they should occupy no more than 2 cubic feet of space.

**Can you provide tips on creating a new project or poster?** Simply put together anything you want to tell us about science or technology. We encourage you to think about how your project could derive guidance from the Holy Quran. For example, you could start with a verse from the Holy Quran and ask how it relates to understanding an important phenomenon in science. Based on this, simply tell a brief scientific story or answer an important scientific question. Hypothesis-driven projects are also a bonus, but they are not mandatory. Another suggestion is to create a poster or project about the life or notable work from an early Muslim Scientist or a recent Nobel Laureate or other notable scientist. Tell a little bit about them and their contributions to science and humanity. You have the license to put together a poster on any science topic that piques your interest.

**Can you provide sample templates to create a poster and an example of a 1-min poster script?** Yes, please click on <https://www.muslimscientists.org/2023-science-fair>.

**Do I need to make a brief oral presentation of my project or poster?** An oral presentation is optional. We believe, however, that you will enjoy describing your exciting work. If you are comfortable presenting, you will first briefly introduce yourself and then talk about your project to the judges and the gathered audience. You will likely only have about two to three minutes, and the exact amount of time given to you will depend on the total number of projects. We recommend that you write out a few points or put together a script and rehearse it. Also, be prepared for interesting questions from the judges.

**Can you tell me about the judging competitions?** Firstly, everyone who participates is a winner, and all of your names will inshaAllah go to Huzur (aba) for prayers. Secondly, competition groups will be assigned based on your age or level of training and the overall number of participants. The judges will formally do a walkthrough of your project or poster and, if you are at your poster at the time of the judging, they may ask you a few questions. The criteria for judging are at <https://www.muslimscientists.org/2023-science-fair>. And yes, there will be prizes for the highest ranking posters or projects from students or trainees.

**Who can I contact for more info or some more advice?** Please email Dr. Abdul Naseer Malmi Kakkada, PhD, at [naseermk@gmail.com](mailto:naseermk@gmail.com) or Dr. Asif Jamil, PhD at [asif08@gmail.com](mailto:asif08@gmail.com).