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2018 Iowa Regional Junior Science and Humanities Symposium
Monday & Tuesday
March 5–6, 2018
Iowa City, Iowa
What is the Junior Science and Humanities Symposia Program?
The Junior Science and Humanities Symposium (JSHS) is a national research symposium designed to challenge and engage students (grades 9–12) in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM). High school students present the results of their original research efforts before a panel of judges and an audience of their peers at regional symposia.

Who attends the Iowa Regional JSHS?
Iowa high school students interested in STEM studies can participate either as a presenter or as a student delegate. The Iowa Regional Junior Science and Humanities Symposium will be March 5-6, 2018, in Iowa City, IA. The top five finalists at the Iowa Regional JSHS are awarded academic scholarships, ranging from $750 to $2,000. In addition to receiving scholarships ($2,000 for first place, $1,500 for second place, and $1,000 for third), the top five presenters will be invited to compete at, and will attend an expense-paid trip to the 56th National JSHS.

Who can present at the Iowa Regional JSHS?
Any high school student from the State of Iowa may submit a paper for consideration.

How do I present at the Iowa Regional JSHS?

**STeP 1:** Iowa students in grades 9–12 select a research category: Earth and Space-Environmental Sciences, Life Sciences, Medicine & Health/Behavioral & Social Sciences, Physical Sciences, Engineering, and Mathematics & Computer Science.

**STeP 2:** Students conduct original research.

**STeP 3:** By January 12, 2018, students submit for evaluation a paper about their original research. These papers should follow the research paper format (www.belinblank.org/JSHS).

**STeP 4:** A student research paper is selected as one of the top 18 papers submitted.

What are the important dates for the 2018 Iowa Regional JSHS?

**JANUARY 12, 2018:** Research paper submission and application deadline.

**JANUARY 24, 2018:** Notification for selection of presentations.

**FEBRUARY 2, 2018:** Absolute deadline for student delegates, teachers, and chaperones to submit their registration forms and registration fees at www.belinblank.org/JSHS.

What scholarships are awarded to the top presentations?
In addition to the educational opportunity and public recognition for outstanding engagement in research, the Iowa Regional JSHS also serves as a scholarship competition. The Academy of Applied Sciences will distribute $4,500 in academic scholarships: $2,000 to first place; $1,500 to second place; $1,000 to third place. Additionally, The University of Iowa contributes $750 scholarships to each of the top five finalists. The top five finalists attend an expense-paid trip to National JSHS.

What if my proposal is not accepted?
Students whose research submission is not accepted for presentation at the 2018 Iowa Regional JSHS but met all paper format guidelines will automatically be invited to attend as a student delegate.

Do students have to present in order to attend JSHS?
No. All Iowa high school students are encouraged to attend JSHS. Student delegates attend student presentations as well as hear The University of Iowa faculty present cutting-edge research. Additionally, student delegates can participate in tours of The University of Iowa research laboratories. All student delegates will stay in Iowa City on Monday, March 5, 2018, and will attend a luncheon banquet on Tuesday, March 6, 2018. (Those students traveling more than two hours from Iowa City may also stay Sunday, March 4, 2018.) A fee of $25 per student will be implemented.

How much will it cost to attend as a student delegate?

Thanks to our generous sponsors (Academy of Applied Science, U.S. Department of the Army, the Office of Naval Research, the Air Force Office of Scientific Research, and the Division of Continuing Education at The University of Iowa) accepted Presenters participate for free, all other student delegates pay just $25 for lodging and the Awards Banquet. All students are responsible for purchasing their other meals. Payment and the completed registration form must be submitted by Friday, February 2, 2018.

What about teachers and chaperones?

All teachers of STEM studies in Iowa are encouraged to attend and bring students to the Iowa JSHS. The cost for a teacher/chaperone, the lodging and award banquet fee of $50 will be waived for every five students in attendance from your school (i.e., 15 students delegates = 3 teacher/chaperones). Additional teacher/chaperones will be charged $50 to participate. Teachers attending are also invited to complimentary Networking luncheon on Monday, March 5, 2018. For registration, teachers must complete the Teacher Form and the Student Delegate Form by Friday, February 2, 2018. All forms are found at www.belinblank.org/JSHS. One teacher will be awarded $500 for their contribution to advancing student participation in research.

What is the symposium’s schedule?
For more information about the Iowa Regional Junior Science & Humanities Symposium on March 5-6, 2018, please visit the Website: www.belinblank.org/JSHS.