Project Advice for the
CNY Science & Engineering Fair

It's never too early to begin work on a project for the Central New York Science & Engineering Fair. By starting early, students will have an advantage if they wish to gather data over a few months' time.

We believe getting started in the spring can be a good idea for all projects not only to develop a greater depth of understanding, but also to give more time to run experiments and collect data. However, this is especially true for projects that rely on data that changes seasonally, such as rainfall, solar radiation received, average seasonal wind speed, etc. That being said, if a student starts such a project in the summer or fall, there are often online sources that can help them obtain a year's worth of regional data.

If a student is having trouble forming an idea for a science project, there are many online sources to help them find an area of interest to focus on. Here are two good sites with links to many others:

https://student.societyforscience.org/science-project-resources

http://www.sciencebuddies.org

Participating and researching a science fair project is the best method to learn science fundamentals and mathematical tools. Lessons learned through independent work are never forgotten. We applaud you for participating in the CNYSEF!

IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

1. Register projects at the CNYSEF registration site, located at www.cnysef.org, by **March 12, 2017**.
2. Fill out forms 1, 1A and 1B and submit them to our fair's Scientific Review Committee (See General Information Regarding Participation in CNYSEF) by **March 12, 2017**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact CNYSEF Director Peter Plumley at cnysef@most.org or by phone at (315) 425-9068 ext. 2163.