

The Big Bang UK Young Scientists & Engineers Competition Rules and Eligibility Criteria 2017/18

General rules

1. Entry to The Competition is free and open to UK residents.
2. Competitors can only enter one project in The Big Bang Competition 2017/18, either as an individual or as part of a team.
3. Entrants must be in full-time education or training (i.e. school, homeschool, sixth form college, FE college, apprenticeship, traineeship) at the time of entry or when the project was completed.
4. Entry projects must have been carried out/completed between 1 July 2016 and 30 October 2017. Up to a maximum of twelve months of project work is eligible for judging.
5. Projects previously displayed at the finals of National Science + Engineering Competition/ The Big Bang Competition are not eligible for resubmission unless 50% of the project is new or has been significantly progressed/developed in the last 12 months and the project is eligible within a new category (see below table).
6. Individuals can only enter projects they carried out without team support.
7. Judging and prizes will be separated into three categories according to the entrant's school year on 30th June 2017:

Category	England & Wales Year Group	Northern Ireland Year Group	Scotland Year Group
Junior	7, 8 , 9	8, 9, 10	P7, S1, S2
Intermediate	10, 11	11, 12	S3, S4
Senior	12, 13	13, 14	S5, S6

8. Entry is via heats at **selected** Big Bang Near Me Fairs held from 1 January to 31 October 2017 or the online heats that run from 24 April to 30 October 2017.
9. Entry forms must be completed with all relevant information; incomplete entry forms will not be accepted.
10. Plagiarism is prohibited. The project entry must be the original work of the entrant(s) only.
11. By entering The Competition you agree that your entry can appear on public display. The organisers of The Big Bang may use the entry online, in marketing and in press to promote The Competition.
12. By entering, entrants will be deemed to have agreed to be bound by these rules.

13. It is the responsibility of the entrant to inform The Big Bang Competition of any change to their contact details. Failure to do so may result in the entrant not receiving notification of results or similar correspondence.
14. The judges' decisions are final and no appeals will be heard or correspondence, relating to result determination, entered into.
15. The Big Bang Competition reserves the right to revise these rules and regulations at any time. Should it be necessary to do so, The Big Bang Competition organisers will make every effort to communicate any changes to interested parties as quickly as possible.
16. There will be one winner in each category (Junior, Intermediate, Senior) and an overall winner in each stream, Science or Engineering.
17. Further runners-up may also be allocated with each category and stream.
18. Special prizes may have other rules/criteria which are different to the core Big Bang Competition prizes and will only be awarded where these criteria have been met.
19. The winners will be announced at The Big Bang Competition Awards Ceremony at The Big Bang Fair in March 2018.
20. A full list of prize winners will be published on The Big Bang Competition website and in any other publications selected by the organisers.

Team-specific rules

1. Projects can be completed by teams of any size; however there is limited space at the finals, therefore, only six members of a team are allowed on the stand at any one time.
2. If a team gains a place at the Finals of the The Big Bang Competition and not all team members are able to attend, then those that do attend must represent the whole team but explicitly tell the judges which area of the projects they themselves focused on.
3. Team projects must be represented by at least two members of the team if they gain a place in the Finals.
4. All team members must be eligible to enter The Competition (i.e. in education or training within years 7-13 (or equivalent years in NI or Scotland)) even if all members are not able to attend the Finals at The Big Bang.
5. If not all team members are able to attend the Finals for any reason, then it is up to the school or college to liaise with the team members and decide whether any cash or experience prizes are shared between the entire team or just those that represented the team at the Finals.
6. Where teams have members spread across categories, **the entire team will be allocated based on the category appropriate to the highest year group.**