

Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge (JIC)

Signature Page and Parent/Guardian Permission Form

Student First Name: _____ Student Last Name: _____

Fair Password: _____ (If Fair Password is unknown, please list fair name, city and state)

Student Certification

I certify that all of the information given in the entry form is correct and has been completed by me. The project I have submitted is my own work, and has not been plagiarized, forged or fabricated from another researcher or source. I understand that fraudulent projects will fail to qualify for the Thermo Fisher JIC competition. I certify that I have not used AI tools, like ChatGPT, to construct responses to questions in the application.

I understand that the answers I am submitting may be used in any way by Society for Science and will not be returned to me. I certify that I have read and fully understand the Thermo Fisher JIC Ethics Statement and eligibility requirements (both outlined in the Thermo Fisher JIC Official Entry Rules for 2025/2026) and that I satisfy all of the requirements.

Intellectual Property

Independent research for the Thermo Fisher JIC may produce findings that are the Intellectual Property (IP) of the entrant. Participation in the Thermo Fisher JIC requires disclosure of methods and results; they will be made available to our evaluators and judges, who sign non-disclosure agreements. Project summaries of finalists and Top 300 Junior Innovators may also be shared with the public relations teams of the Society and Thermo Fisher Scientific; full applications will not be shared with Thermo Fisher Scientific, as the Society manages all judging and evaluation procedures. Results and methods may be made available to the public in summary format in the promotion of the project. If entrants are concerned about the protection of IP, they are urged to consider these issues with their supervising scientist and qualified adult advisors to make an informed decision before entering the Thermo Fisher JIC. The exhibition, posting, and judging process will not be modified in deference to journal embargoes or other considerations. The Society does not publish entrant, Top 300 Junior Innovator, or finalist applications in full.

Signature of Student

Date

Parent/Guardian Certification and Release

I consent to my nominee participating in the Thermo Fisher JIC. If my nominee is chosen as a finalist, I consent to the participation in an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, DC, in October 2026, to be accompanied by one parent or guardian. I have read the eligibility requirements as outlined in the Official Entry Rules for 2024/2025 and I certify that my nominee has satisfied all of them and has worked independently on the submission.

I also hereby grant to Society for Science, Thermo Fisher Scientific, and their subsidiaries, affiliates and advertising, promotion and production agencies, and their respective assigns, permission to use my nominee's name, image, or biographical information in advertising and promotional materials for purposes of advertising or promoting the Thermo Fisher JIC and the Society for Science. I also hereby grant to Society for Science, Thermo Fisher Scientific, and their subsidiaries, affiliates, and their respective assigns, permission to use my nominee's project summary and information within the application (including statements made by my nominee in the application) for public relations and promotional purposes in connection with the Thermo Fisher JIC and the Society for Science. I acknowledge and agree that I will have no right of approval, no claim to any compensation, and no claim arising out of the use of my nominee's application, submission, name, image, biographical information, or project summary in connection with the exercise of the rights granted to Society for Science under this certification.

Parent/Guardian First and Last Name

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

This signature page **MUST** be included in the online Thermo Fisher JIC Student Application in the upload section. To access the application, go to <https://thermofisherjic.smapply.org/>.

Questions? Contact jic@SOCIETYFORSCIENCE.ORG