

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU'VE BEEN ACCEPTED TO THE 7TH ANNUAL

# STUDENT RESEARCH SHOWCASE

 When: April 25th, 2025  Where: Google Chicago (320 N Morgan St Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60607)

## NEXT STEPS:

### By 3/28: [Presenter Information Form](#)

- Complete this form to confirm attendance by Friday, March 28th at 11:59pm.
  - *If we do not receive your presenter info form by the end of the day on Friday, March 28th, your spot will be given to a student on the waitlist.*
- Please note: every student in group projects must fill out a form.
- If you are a student panelist, you must have a signed photo release (included on the form) to participate in the panel.

### By 4/16: [Register for the event](#) and view the complete list of presenters/panelists

- Everyone entering the venue on the day of the showcase must be registered. Registration closes Wednesday, April 16th at 11:59 pm.

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# SCHEDULE

## 9:00 Student & Teacher Check-In

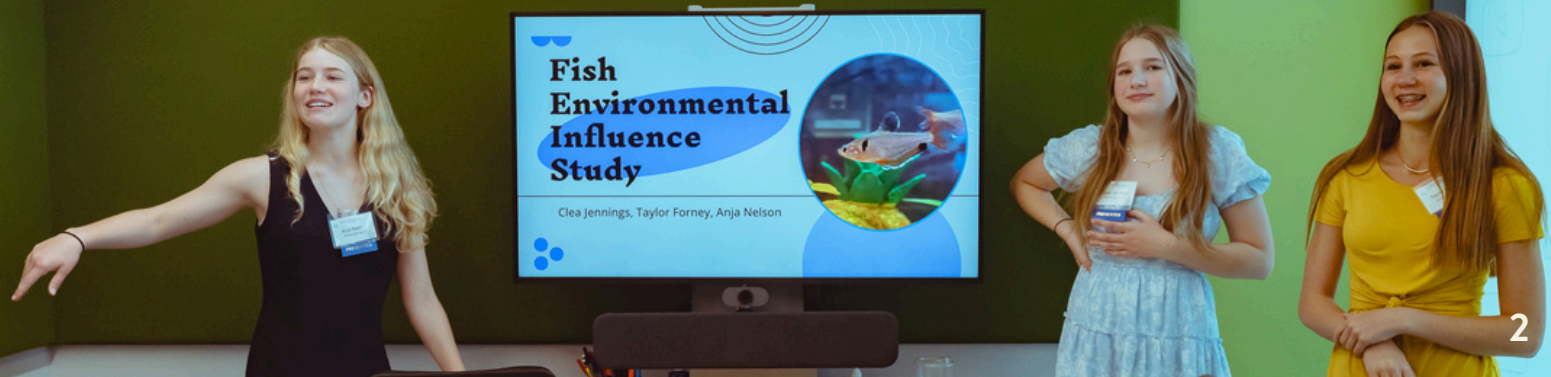
- Check-in will begin at 9:00am. Please arrive no later than 9:30. If you are only able to arrive past 9:30, let us know ASAP!
- Set up your project presentation station and meet other students.

## 9:30 General Audience Check-In

## 10:00 Opening Remarks

## 10:20 Student Panel

- If you have been selected for the student panel, you will receive more information and a list of panel questions in the first week of April. [Watch last year's panel](#) for an idea of what to expect.
- *Not sure if this is you?* [Double check here.](#)





# SCHEDULE

## 11:15 Student Project Symposium

- **Please note: every selected student (including panelists) will be presenting their projects.**
- Bring a visual artifact for your presentation (laptop with slides, poster, design, prototype, etc.)
- You will have 10 minutes to present your project as community members gather around your station, followed by 5 minutes for audience questions.
- During one of your presentations, a judge will provide you feedback. See more judge info on page 6.
- You will complete this 15-minute presentation twice. You are either in Presentation Group A or B ([click here to check](#)).

**11:15-11:45 Presentation Group A, Rounds 1 and 2**

**11:50-12:20 Presentation Group B, Rounds 1 and 2**

## 12:30 Closing Remarks and Mentor Awards

## 12:45 Networking Lunch

- Celebrate a presentation well done with a catered lunch! Don't forget to introduce yourself to someone new, whether it's a student, judge, or other community member!





# LOCATION

## **Google Chicago**

320 N Morgan St Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60607

We strongly recommend utilizing public transportation if possible. The Morgan CTA station (Green & Pink lines) is a 6 minute walk from the venue, and Union Station / Ogilvie are 5-8 minutes away by Uber/Lyft. If you are driving, there is paid street parking and a paid public parking garage under the building (entrance on Carroll Ave).



# MATERIALS

## **Bring a visual artifact for your presentation.**

- This could look like a laptop with slides, poster, design, prototype, or anything else that helps show or explain your work.
- If you are bringing your laptop, don't forget your charger! Pro tip: Charge your laptop the night before.

## **Bring a photo ID (school ID is okay).**

- A photo ID is what will let you enter the building, so it's key to bring one!

A background image showing the backs of three students looking at a screen. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent orange filter. The letters 'FAQs' are written in large, white, sans-serif font across the center of the image.

# FAQs

## **Is there a winner at the showcase?**

No! The Student Research Showcase is a celebration of your hard work rather than a competition. This is an opportunity to share your research, network with peers and professionals, and potentially get some presentation practice in if you will be presenting at school after the showcase.

## **What do I wear?**

Business Casual or Business Formal are both great options; pick whatever you feel most comfortable presenting in. For some ideas, check out our [photo gallery](#) from last year's showcase.

## **What presentation group am I in?**

To check your presentation group, reference the [registration page](#). You will either be presenting in Group A (11:15-45) or Group B (11:50-12:20).

## **Will my mentor be at the showcase?**

Check with your mentor if you have not already talked about the showcase! Many mentors are located in Chicago and will be attending.

## **Can my family come to the showcase?**

Yes! Please invite your family and guests to support you at the showcase. Attendance is free, but they will need to [register](#) by Wednesday, April 16th.

## **When will I receive my \$100 scholarship?**

ISTC will email your scholarship after the completion of the showcase. Please be sure to fill out your non-school email address correctly on the presenter information form.

## **Who do I contact if I have questions on the day of the showcase?**

You can contact Tanvi, ISTC Senior Program Manager of Mentorship, at [tanvi@istcoalition.org](mailto:tanvi@istcoalition.org) or (650) 213-6315.

# JUDGES

During one of your presentations, a judge will provide you written and verbal feedback. This is an opportunity to receive direct, real-time feedback from individuals with diverse professional experiences. We encourage you to get to know them further after your presentation has concluded! Check out who will be judging this year:



**BRIANNE CAPLAN**

Executive Director  
**Code Your Dreams**



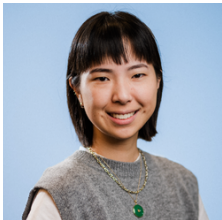
**CORINNE DURRETTE**

Program Director  
**The Gray Matter Experience**



**CHANTÉ MARTÍNEZ THURMOND**

CEO & Founder  
**The Darkest Horse**



**HANNAH HENDERSON**

Program Manager  
**Current**



**LYNESSA RICO**

Division Chair & Associate Professor, Business Psychology  
**The Chicago School**



**DEL KIRKSEY**

Data Engineer  
**IMC Trading**



**STEVEN SHAW**

Community Engagement Director  
**Verizon**



**JENNIFER KOPACH**

CEO & SVP Marketing Communications  
**Science Olympiad**



**SCOTT TILLMAN-FRANKLIN**

Co-Founder and Executive Director  
**STEAM & Dream**



# FEEDBACK

Judges will be providing qualitative feedback on areas of improvement and areas of strength in each of the categories listed below. Feel free to reference this as you prepare for the showcase.

## **Research Description**

The research question is clear and descriptive, and the student/group explained why they chose this topic or field of research. The student/group elaborated on the development of the research question throughout the project (including whether they had to change or adapt it).

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## **Project Process**

The student/group provided insight into their overall project process, and explained their successes and challenges along the way, including any unexpected directions taken or results.

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## **Professionalism and Presentation**

The student/group was professional, organized and engaging throughout the presentation, and provided a visual.

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## **Response to Judges' Questions**

The student/group clearly articulated responses to the judges' questions at the end of the presentation.