Do I Need SRC Pre-Approval?
Do I Need Certification Forms?

** Check the OCSEF website & ISEF Rules for all cases that may apply to your project

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NO

Does your project involve **Human Subjects?**
- Survey or questionnaire (online or in-person)
- Experiments/physical activities or device testing on yourself or others
- Identifiable data from living humans

YES

- **NEED SRC Pre-Approval**
- **NEED Human Subjects Form**
- **Deadline Nov 3, 2025**

NO

Does your project involve **Vertebrate Animals?**
- Mammals, fish, birds, reptiles, amphibians, or cephalopods
- Purely observational studies in a natural setting are exempt

YES

- **NEED SRC Pre-Approval**
- **NEED Vertebrate Animal Form**
- **Deadline Nov 3, 2025**

NO

Does your project involve **Potentially Hazardous Biological Agents?**
- Bacteria, viruses, fungi, viroids, rickettsia, cyanobacteria, parasites, or mold
- Tissues, cell cultures, samples from a human or animal body (swabs, teeth, bone, blood, etc.)
- Samples collected from the environment
- DNA, RNA, or recombinant DNA

YES

- **NEED SRC Pre-Approval**
- **NEED Potential Hazards Form**
- **Deadline Nov 3, 2025**

NO

Does your project involve **Potentially Hazardous Chemicals, Substances, Devices, or Activities?** (some examples)
- Household cleaning agents, solvents, organic chemicals, ferrofluid, gases, biofuel, etc.
- 3D printers, lasers, UV light, radiation, rockets, flammable material, etc.
- Oven/stove, saw/drill, soldering iron, generator, electricity, etc.
- Prescription drugs, tobacco, explosives, etc.

** **Check the Material Safety Data Sheet**

YES

- **NEED SRC Pre-Approval**
- **NEED Potential Hazards Form**
- **Deadline Nov 3, 2025**

If "NO" for ALL questions:
- You do **NOT** need SRC Pre-Approval
- **Registration Deadline Feb 4, 2026**

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-- Additional Details
-- Certification Forms
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