



**SCIENCE FAIR
TEACHERS' PAPER
WRITING CHALLENGE
2026**

*By,
Association of Science, Technology
and Innovation*

Terms and Conditions

1. By participating in YIJ Science Fair Teachers' Paper Writing Challenge either you or your team will automatically accept these terms and conditions.
2. The format of the paper submission **must** follow the guidelines provided by ASTI.
3. You must represent your school or combination of schools.
4. **The Young Inventors Journal (YIJ) Science Fair Teachers' Paper Writing Challenge 2026** is open to all teachers from SJKT schools. Teachers do not need to be involved in the Science Fair to participate.
5. There is no fee for participating in this competition.
6. A team of no more than 5 people can participate or you can participate individually.
7. Participation is free. However, you are responsible for the cost (if any) of creating your entry, as well as all other costs associated with participation in the challenge.
8. Individual/teams selected **may be** required to attend the paper presentation online expected to be held in October 2026, probably on a Saturday. Final dates will be confirmed in due time.
9. Awards will be as per advertised. Certificate of participation will be given to all participants that have submitted a complete paper and meet minimum requirement set by the judges. **Please make sure you provide correct and active email address during your submission. In order to receive a certificate of participation, you should get a minimum mark of 30% of the total marks set by the panel of judges.**
10. Paper must be written and presented in English.
11. Papers must be based on topics provided by the organiser.
12. The copyright of all papers submitted belongs to its author. **However, ASTI reserves the right to publish the papers or parts thereof in its journal (Young Inventors Journal) or produce a book from the chosen papers, or in any other ASTI publications or marketing collaterals with minimal edits (i.e. grammar, spelling, format). Major edits will be published with approval from the authors. All publications will give adequate credits to the authors.**
13. Your paper maybe checked using plagiarisms software. **Any plagiarised paper will be disqualified.**
14. All participants are required to submit a completed AI Declaration Form as part of their paper submission. Failure to submit the required declaration may result in disqualification or rejection of the submission at the discretion of the project committee.
15. A participant may not submit more than 2 papers as an individual or as part of a group.
16. ASTI reserves the right to modify the terms and condition in the interest of fair play, inclusivity, and appeal from participants/stakeholders etc. The participants will be informed if there are any such changes.
17. Paper should be written within 1,000 – 3,000 words, not including Abstract and Reference.

Picking the Best Entries

1. A panel of independent judges will determine the winners. For your information, the marking for paper writing challenge is usually done by a minimum of 2 judges. However if their marks are highly differential, an independent judge will review it to mediate.
2. When choosing the best entries, the judges will be looking for entrants who are clearly on top of their subject, who can write with evidence and clarity, who is concise and straight to the point, show the novelty of the paper, and who leave the reader wanting to learn more about the subject and be more involved.
3. **The Science Fair Teachers' Paper Writing Challenge 2026** judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entertained.

Some Other Rules

1. The organizer reserves the right at any time and from time to time to modify or discontinue, temporarily or permanently, this challenge with or without prior notice due to reasons outside their control (including, without limitation, in the case of anticipated, suspected or actual fraud). The decision of the organizers in all matters under its control is final and binding.
2. ASTI is not responsible for any copyright infringement or other Intellectual Property offenses arising from your misuse of copyrighted or protected material, and ASTI will be fully indemnified under all circumstances.
3. We take no responsibility for entries that are lost, delayed, misdirected or incomplete or cannot be delivered or entered for any technical or other reason. Proof of delivery of the entry is not proof of receipt.
4. The organizers accept no responsibility for any damage, loss, liabilities, injury or disappointment incurred or suffered by you as a result of participating in **Paper Writing Challenge**. The organizer further disclaim liability for any injury or damage to you or any related person(s) and computer relating to or resulting from participation in or downloading any materials in connection with the **Paper Writing Challenge**.
5. Please be responsible and take all safety precautions during your participation in **Paper Writing Challenge**.

Eligible winners

1. The eligibility to win the challenge is on the condition that Eligible Participants fully comply with the Terms and Conditions as stated herein.
2. Incomplete entries and/or the failure to fulfil all or any of the Terms and Conditions will automatically disqualify the Eligible Participants from the challenge without prior notice.

Date: 28 August 2026.