

Information for students

How to get started

- Your own inspirations, interests and skills are the best starting point.
- Check out the many different categories in the SASTA Oliphant Science Awards. You may enter different projects into one or more categories.
- Check out previous entries in the [Virtual Open Day](#).
- Choose a category that motivates you and will be the best at showcasing your skills and knowledge. Think about how you could capture the judges' attention in an innovative and original way.
- Look for reliable sources of information. Your school library will have many science books and magazines. There are many science and environmental organisations that have useful websites. Your science teacher may also be able to recommend places, websites or people that you could contact.
- Read the rules and the dot points about successful entries for the category you choose. These are the features that the judges are looking for in your entry. There are also valuable sponsors' prizes that are awarded if the entry meets both the category requirements and the criteria outlined by our sponsors.

How to enter

- Obtain a Registration Form from your School Coordinator, or download the Registration Form from the website.
- Return your completed Registration Form and any necessary fees to your School Coordinator.
- For group entries, only ONE Registration Form is to be completed. All group members must be named on the same Registration Form. (Note: maximum of three students per group entry; group entries are not allowed for Science Writing and Posters).
- Your School Coordinator will need to register students online (in their login area) at www.oliphantscienceawards.com.au by **Sunday 18 May**. Entries may only be submitted through your School Coordinator.
- Ask your School Coordinator about the date that they need your completed entry and who will deliver and collect it from the judging location. It is recommended that schools and parents try to organise a whole school delivery and collection method.

When your entry is finished

- **Electronic submissions:** Please be sure to save your project in a recommended format (Word, pdf, ppt, link to a YouTube video) with your ID number and surname. We recommend you include your ID number and surname when saving/naming the file. You will need to include your cover sheet in your submission.
- **Physical projects:** Securely attach your Identification Label (your Coordinator will give you this) in a clearly visible position (**labels must be put on the back of Photography and Poster entries**). Please ensure that all parts are labelled with your ID number and surname.
- Make sure you have followed all the rules and presentation instructions for your category. Please be aware that any entries that do not adhere to the size and/or weight requirements where indicated may not be accepted for judging.
- Give your completed entry to your School Coordinator in time to be delivered for judging (unless your Coordinator has made different arrangements with you).
- Crystal Investigations and Models & Inventions reports / risk assessments **MUST** be submitted online prior to project delivery day.

Open Day

We're excited to partner with Science Alive! for our Open Day event again in 2025! Models & Inventions entries and winning entries from all other categories will be on display from Friday 1 August - Sunday 3 August at the Adelaide Showgrounds. There will also be a range of come and try activities as well as a full program of exhibitions and science shows on offer from Science Alive! You can check out information about Science Alive! [here](#).

All students who enter the Oliphant Science Awards will be eligible to apply for discounted entry tickets. More information will be available closer to the date.

Presentation ceremony

Your School Coordinator will tell you before the Presentation Ceremony if you have won an award. Please speak to your School Coordinator before contacting SASTA for information.

The SASTA Oliphant Science Awards Presentation Ceremony will include all the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed entrants and the sponsor prize winners. Attendance at this event is by invitation only. Unfortunately, recipients of Highly Commended are not invited to this ceremony.