

Subject: Monday Matters: Judges needed for the VSSEF on April 9
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Dear Colleagues:

ODU is hosting the Virginia State Science and Engineering Fair (VSSEF) for three years starting in 2022. This is an excellent opportunity to recruit Virginia's outstanding students because those participating in the fair are the winners of their regional fairs. Winners of VSSEF will then participate in the International Science & Engineering Fair in Atlanta.

The College of Sciences and the College of Engineering are co-sponsoring the VSSEF. This year's VSSEF will be virtual, but we hope to have an in person fair next year. Gabriel Franke is Fair Director with assistance from Justin Mason. The fair's Scientific Review Committee is headed by Lesley Greene.

At this time, we need judges in a wide variety of science and engineering categories to carry out virtual interviews and score projects during the virtual fair on April 9. **Please consider volunteering to be a judge.** We need at least 42 judges. Registration for judges begins today, Monday, February 28, 2022.

Additional information:

- In 2022 the Virginia State Science and Engineering Fair will be held virtually
- The fair is scheduled for Saturday, April 9, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM EST. Most judging will take place between 8 and 12 on Saturday morning.
- Register to be a judge at [Virginia State Science and Engineering Fair \(zairs.com\)](https://zairs.com)
- Go to "**CREATE ACCOUNT**" and choose "**JUDGE**". Once you create your account, you will receive an email with your username and password, which will allow you to log back into the fair website and fill out a simple registration form.
- Judges will have about 3 – 10 projects to interview and score virtually on the day of the fair. Each interview will last approximately 5 minutes.

If you have any questions, please contact Gabriel Franke in the Dean's Office.

Thank you!
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