

**5-8 Research Plan
SRC (Scientific Review Committee)
Approval Form**

5th – 8th Teachers and Parents - Students must use this form if their project involves: Human Subjects, Vertebrates, or Potentially Hazardous Biological Agents. AzSEF SRC preapproval is required before experimentation can begin. Print the form and submit pdf documents to gutierrezj@azscience.org

Be sure that all school/district safety guidelines and protocols are followed before submitting to AzSEF SRC and **before** starting your project.

Student's Name _____ Grade _____

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Adult working with Student(s): _____ Email: _____

Teacher's Name: _____ Email: _____

School: _____ School Phone: _____

School Address, City, Zip:

Project Title:

1. What problem are you studying? Why did you decide to investigate this problem?

2. How will you do this? List all the steps (your Methods or Procedures).

3. Why is this the **best** way to study the problem (versus NOT using humans, vertebrates, potentially hazardous biological pathogens, etc.)?

4. Tell us how you will stay safe, and keep everyone/everything else safe.

5. Write down 2-3 References (articles, books) used to learn about this topic from your library and Internet search. If you plan to use animals, an additional reference regarding animal care must be included.

6. Where will the project be completed? Check one or more:

Research Institution School Field Home

By signature, I am approving my student(s) involvement with the proposed project, and will oversee the safety of the student and all subjects (human or animal).

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

- Note to School: Your IRB Committee should consist of three adults, usually a Science teacher, an Administrator or designee, and a Counselor or Nurse.
- If any questions, the School IRB may call or email AzSEF SRC: 602-770-2100 ext. 220 or gutierrezj@azscience.org
- **HOW DO I KNOW IF MY PROJECT IS APPROVED?**
 - You will receive email confirmation that your project submission has been received.
 - Project submissions that require additional information will receive email feedback from the AzSEF SRC.
 - If no additional information is needed you will receive email feedback that your project proposal is approved and you are ready to begin experimentation.
 - PLEASE ALLOW UP TO 2 WEEKS FOR FEEDBACK.
 - Submit a copy of your SRC project proposal and the approval email to your school IRB and at AzSEF registration.