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## **Call for Entries in the 2016 Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology**

Registration Opens for Premier Research Competition, Chance to Win College Scholarships  
of up to \$100,000

Regional Competition Rounds will be Conducted Virtually

ISELIN, N.J., May 3, 2016 -- Registration has opened for **The 2016 Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology** - the nation's premier science research competition for high school students.

- Registration and submission instructions are now available online at <https://siemenscompetition.discoveryeducation.com>.
- The deadline for receipt of entries is **Tuesday, September 20, 2016** at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time.

The Siemens Competition, established in 1999, is a signature program of the Siemens Foundation, administered by Discovery Education. Each year, the program invites high school students nationwide to submit original research projects in math, science and technology for the opportunity to win college scholarships ranging from \$1,000 up to \$100,000. Students can compete as individuals or as members of a team.

As with last year, the regional competition rounds will be held on-line in a secure virtual environment. Participants will present their projects via a secure cloud-based technology platform to a panel of judges who will be assembled at regional hosting universities in November.

The regional judging will take place at six leading research universities across the country: California Institute of Technology, Carnegie Mellon University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, University of Notre Dame and The University of Texas at Austin.

Winners of these Regional Finals will be invited to present their research in-person to nationally renowned scientists and mathematicians at the National Finals in Washington, D.C. in December at The George Washington University.

Last year's Grand Prize individual winner utilized small plastic beads to remove sulfamethazine, a common contaminant, from drinking water in a way that was reusable and scalable in many of today's water delivery systems. The winning team utilized a loofah sponge to help clean up oil from oil spills and then turn it into electricity which could be used to generate clean power i.e. for remote sensors. The

previous year, winning teams identified an approach to improve program obstacle avoidance for drones and self-driving cars, and a computer model that simulates how a tree will grow in varying conditions, which could improve current practices in harvesting timber and growing tree-based foods.

Video, photos and bios of the 2015 finalists are available at:

<http://siemensusa.synapticdigital.com/US/SIEMENS-FOUNDATION/2015-siemens-competition-national-finals---gwu/s/3FD5D410-2F23-4EA7-97CC-B6A25DDDCCDO>

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