

2023 California Science and Engineering Fair Results

Sponsored Awards Winners from the GSDSEF

Sponsored Awards are presented by outside Sponsor organizations ranging across universities, non-profits, and commercial groups interested in supporting scientific and engineering accomplishments among California students. These Sponsors provide monetary awards and their own expert judges who study projects and interview students. Sponsors determine their award criteria and recipients, subject only to the overriding requirement that award selection must be based on bona fide scientific merit. For the 2023 California Science and Engineering Fair, 16 Sponsors presented 39 Sponsored Awards.



Lemelson Early Inventor Prize – For the best young inventor creating a promising solution to real-world problems. Sponsored by The Lemelson Foundation (<https://www.lemelson.org>) in partnership with the Society for Science. The foundation focuses on nurturing invention-based businesses that are developing unique, physical products to address global and community challenges and are destined for high growth.

- ◆ **\$100 Early Inventor Award: Kayley Xu, Grade 8, The Bishop’s School**

UCLA Brain Research Institute Awards – For research achievement, innovation, and interpretation in any area related to the brain in health and sickness. Sponsored by the Brain Research Institute, University of California, Los Angeles (<https://bri.ucla.edu>). BRI is a catalyst for education, outreach, and research collaborations among scientists, engineers and clinicians who seek to understand the healthy and diseased brain. Formed in 1959, the BRI is one of the first neuroscience research collectives established in the United States.

- ◆ **\$250 Junior Division First Place Award: Zackaria Ouchmame, Grade 7, Bright Horizons Academy**
- ◆ **\$150 Senior Division Second Place Award: Nandana Madhukara, Grade 10, Canyon Crest Academy**