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The International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF)

USAID serves as a Special Award Organization at the annual Regeneron ISEF

The International Science and Engineering Fair, sponsored by Regeneron and managed by the Society for Science, is an annual science competition for pre-college students around the world to showcase their independent research.

The Road to Regeneron ISEF

Science is a key component to finding solutions for the major global challenges that we face today and in the future. Scientists help to increase our understanding of these complex challenges using their scientific skills. At the annual Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF), USAID galvanizes bright young minds around the world who have ideas that could positively impact development challenges.

Serving as a Special Award Organization at ISEF since 2014 has allowed us to recognize and award students with the USAID Science for Development Award. These innovative projects in science and technology could advance our ability to meet current and future development challenges. Students who are selected in first place receive \$5,000, second place receive \$3,000, and third place receive \$2,000. To date, USAID has awarded more than \$300,000 to students in prizes.

At the fair, USAID educates students and the public about international development and how our work in science and research can impact our efforts. We also show the impact of our work and innovations from our projects that are changing the world.

In the lead up to ISEF, students compete in high school science fairs that are members of the global network of the Society for Science. Students who win one of the predetermined number of slots are eligible to advance to ISEF. To expand our impact, USAID also awards the Science Champion Award at these fairs. Winners of this award are selected by the high school science fairs' judges and awards committees for projects that could potentially impact a global development challenge. Science Champions receive an award certificate, a letter from USAID and an invitation to a special event. They are also encouraged to complete a Science Champion Award pledge on how they plan to use science to change the world.

The USAID Science for Development Award recognizes projects in our priority focus areas, including:

- Agriculture and Food Security
- Climate and Environmental Protection
- Global Health
- Working in Crisis and Conflict

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