

How-To Guides

Volume 1: Getting Started with Registration

COMPETITION OVERVIEW

ExploraVision is a free, online STEM competition for students in grades K–12. Students work in teams of two to four and compete in grade bands based on the oldest student on the team: K–3, 4–6, 7–9, or 10–12. Each team chooses a current technology and imagines what it could become in 10 or more years.

Teams communicate their future technology through one of the required submission formats: a storyboard for grades K–3, a presentation for grades 4–6, or a standard project format for any grade level. The official guidelines explain what must be included in each type of project format submission.

COACH ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Every team needs a coach. A coach may be any adult over age 21 who is known to at least one student on the team, such as a teacher, counselor, athletic coach, youth organization leader, parent, or guardian. Coaches are responsible for:

- Reviewing the [official rules and requirements](#) each year.
- Registering themselves and the team.
- Submitting the team’s final project materials (the coach is the only person who can submit a team’s project materials).
- Guiding students and not completing the project work for them, except for submitting the final project.

Coaches may work with more than one team. A coach may not serve as a judge or mentor for another team during the same competition year.

REGISTRATION STEPS

1. <https://nsta.secure-platform.com/exploravision/solicitations/102017/home>
2. Register as a coach at www.exploravision.org.



3. Review the rules and confirm the registration information. Coaches should receive a confirmation email.
4. Enter and save the team's demographic information and click Save and Next.
5. If the team's Abstract, Description with Bibliography, and Technology Launch Flyer are ready to be uploaded, they can be added now. We recommend using the [checklist](#) before uploading these documents.
6. Do not click SAVE and SUBMIT until the team's abstract, description with bibliography, technology flyer, are uploaded and terms and conditions responses are completed by the coach. Review "How To Guide, Volume 11 – Uploading and Submitting" before clicking SAVE and SUBMIT. No changes can be made once a coach clicks SAVE and SUBMIT.
7. All coaches must be registered and projects submitted by the [project deadline](#) found on the ExploraVision website.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Use project "How-to..." guides.
A separate how-to guide will be available for each part of the project submission. Guides will be posted on the website and offered as downloadable PDFs.
2. Attend optional webinars.
Four webinars will be offered during the competition cycle: one in late September, one in late October, one in December, and one in January. These sessions are designed to answer questions and support coaches and teams. Registered coaches will receive an email alerting them of the dates, dates will also be posted on the ExploraVision website and in the STEM-azing newsletters.
3. Contact ExploraVision with questions.
If you have questions at any time, please contact exploravision@nsta.org.