



Tissue Culture Endorsement
2026-2028
Middle School Projects
The Illinois Junior Academy of Science



Students and sponsors conducting a project involving **tissue culture must complete this form and obtain all required approvals PRIOR to beginning experimentation**. Before starting the project, both the student(s) and sponsor must **read and follow all applicable rules in the IJAS Policy and Procedure Manual**. Projects involving **cell lines requiring BSL-2 procedures, viruses, recombinant DNA, or other regulated biological agents must receive all required approvals before experimentation begins**. Tissue culture projects include, but are not limited to, projects involving **established cell lines, insect cell cultures, viruses, recombinant DNA, and other cultured cells or tissues**.

The signatures of the student(s) and sponsor certify that the project was conducted in accordance with all applicable **IJAS rules, regulations, safety requirements, and approval procedures**. Failure to obtain required approvals or comply with IJAS requirements may result in **disqualification of the project at the state level**. This completed form must **follow the Safety Sheet in the project paper and be displayed on the project board**.

Fill out all boxes in the chart below. Multiple pages may be used if necessary.

Published name of cells or tissue used	
List the location where the lab work was conducted along with the biosafety level (BSL-1 or BSL-2).	
Source from where the cells or tissues were obtained	
Cell disposal method used	
Were there any violations of IJAS Safety Rules that were either approved by the IJAS SRC or by a qualified institution?	____ If yes, check here and include the letter from the IJAS SRC or the qualified institution where the project was conducted.
Brief description of how cells were used	
Safety precautions taken	

I/We the student(s) who conducted this project have followed each of the steps listed above and have used all of the safety precautions stated.

Signature(s) _____ **Date** _____

I, the sponsor of this project take responsibility for the instruction of the student on safety precautions and/or verified the safety credentials of any institution with which they worked.

Signature _____ **E-mail** _____ **Date** _____