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## **101 U.S. Regional Finalists Announced for 2017 Siemens Competition in Math, Science and Technology All Vying for Chance to Win \$100,000 Scholarship**

*For First Time in Competition's History, National Finalists Guaranteed Scholarships of at Least \$25,000 in Final Round of Competition*

WASHINGTON, Oct 18, 2017 – The Siemens Foundation today announced the [2017 class of regional finalists](#) for the Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology, the nation's premier research competition for high school students. These regional finalists were picked from an exceptional group of [491 semifinalists](#) announced yesterday who were chosen from the pool of more than 1860 projects submitted this year.

The 101 regional finalists will now advance to the next round of the competition – the Regional Finals. All regional finalists receive at least \$1,000 in scholarship money while the 1<sup>st</sup> place individuals and teams from these regional competitions win \$3,000 and \$6,000, respectively.

The Regional finalists will compete in one of six regional competitions virtually hosted over three consecutive weekends in November at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (November 3-4); University of Notre Dame (November 3-4); The University of Texas at Austin (November 10-11); California Institute of Technology (November 10-11); and Georgia Institute of Technology (November 17-18); and Carnegie Mellon University (November 17-18).

Winners of the regional events will advance to the National Finals to be held at The George Washington University in Washington, D.C., December 4-5, 2017, where \$500,000 in scholarships will be awarded, including the two top prizes of \$100,000 and one of the most prestigious science honors awarded to high school students in the country today.

In a change from previous years, this year's national finalist [prize structure](#) will be: first place - \$100,000, second place - \$50,000, all other finalists - \$25,000, elevating the minimum prize level in recognition of the overall high quality of research represented by national finalists.

“We believe the new award structure for the finals better reflects the extraordinarily high caliber of projects considered,” said David Etwiler, CEO of the Siemens Foundation. “It’s an acknowledgement that today’s students produce impressive levels of research that change the world as we know it. Congratulations to the regional finalists on their accomplishments and best of luck to them in the next phase of the competition.”

A complete list of finalists and their projects will be available at <https://www.siemens-foundation.org> preceding each regional event held in November.

For up-to-date news and announcements about the Regional Competitions and the National Finals, follow us on Twitter [@SFoundation](#) and Instagram [@SiemensFdn](#) (#siemenscomp) and like us on Facebook at [SiemensFoundation](#).

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