

Big Bang Competition Finals Moderator



Overview

[The Big Bang UK Young Scientists & Engineers Competition](#) aims to recognise and reward young people's achievements in all areas of science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) and provide them with the opportunity to build their skills and confidence in project-based work.

The Big Bang Competition Finals take place at The Big Bang Fair every March. At the event, finalists compete for a number of exciting prizes, including top and runner up prizes in the Junior, Intermediate & Senior categories for Science and Engineering, as well as the coveted title of GSK UK Young Scientist(s) and GSK UK Young Engineer(s) of the Year 2020.

We are looking for moderators to assess projects at the Finals:

- **Where:** Big Bang Fair, Birmingham NEC
- **Date:** Wednesday 11 March 2020
- **Timings:** 08:00 – 15:00
- **Contact:** Amelia Perry (Competition Manager) aperry@engineeringuk.com

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Why do we need you?

As a Big Bang Competition Moderator you will celebrate and assess the Big Bang Competition finalist projects in your area of STEM expertise. Moderators spend less time looking at each project but will take an overview of all the projects in an age group in one of the disciplinary streams. Moderators take into account scores allocated by judges, and use their own observations to assess projects. Moderators attend a deliberation session to inform a final decision of the top projects; top 10 of which will take part in VIP judging.

With over 80,000 visitors expected in 2020, The Big Bang Fair simply couldn't run without the support of our amazing volunteers. We need over 400 volunteers for next year's Fair and you are welcome to volunteer across all the days in a different role if you wish.

What activities will you be involved in?

As a volunteer Finals moderator you will have a unique opportunity to **inspire and motivate our young students:**

- Supporting students to present their project; helping them to feel comfortable and enjoy themselves
- Reviewing a large number of projects in a single stream and age group
- Working with the Head Judges to decide the winners, runners-up and nominees for VIP judging in their stream

What skills and abilities are we looking for?

Our volunteers play a vital role in making The Big Bang Competition a massive success. We are looking for volunteers who are **reliable and enjoy supporting young people**.

We are looking for volunteers:

- With a STEM background
- An ability to communicate and interact positively with young people
- Impartiality and analytical skills to assess the STEM-based projects
- Willingness to make potentially tricky decisions in a timely fashion
- Experience of volunteering with the Competition in previous years

This role involves moving around the show floor. If you have any questions about this requirement, please contact us as soon as possible so we can discuss any reasonable adjustments.

View our volunteering and diversity and inclusion policies [here](#).

What can you gain from this opportunity?

- Having a **rewarding** experience making a difference to young people and inspiring them
- Playing an integral role in a **prestigious competition** that recognises and rewards the UK's young science and engineering talent
- Developing **analytical and evaluation** skills
- Extensive **networking opportunities**, joining an enthusiastic team of people
- And most importantly, you will hopefully come away inspired by our student's projects!

Is there an induction and learning and development?

We aim to give all our volunteers a unique experience at the Big Bang Fair and the Competition. We will provide you with training and support throughout your volunteering role:

- Role-specific training via online webinar in advance of the Finals
 - 13 February 2020 (AM) or 18 February (PM)
- Volunteer **handbook**
- On-site briefing on the day (face-to-face) with opportunity to ask questions
- **Support and supervision** from the Competition team throughout your time volunteering

Who should you contact? What are the next steps?

To apply, please complete the online application form [here](#). For more information about the role, please contact **Amelia Perry (Competition Manager)** on aperry@engineeringuk.com or 02032060480.

