

Team Canada-ISEF 2018 Wins 8 Awards in Pittsburgh

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Team Canada-ISEF put on a great performance at the 2018 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, bringing home a total of eight awards, including 5 grand awards and 3 special awards.

Not bad for a team of eight up against 1800 top young scientists from 81 countries at the world's largest high school research competition, where only one in four wins an award. In fact, six of the eight members of Team Canada-ISEF 2018 came home with awards - a number that speaks volumes about the quality of youth science in this country.

Colette Benko (17) of Calgary, Alberta (second from the left in photo) received the Drug, Chemical & Associated Technologies Association (DCAT) First Place Award (\$3,000) and a Fourth Place Award (\$500) in Biomedical and Health Sciences for her project, *A Novel Pediatric Cancer Therapy Targeting Epigenetics and Neuroblastoma Differentiation*.

Waleed Sawan (16) of London, Ontario (far right in photo) received the Qatar Foundation, Research and Development First Place Award (\$1,000) and a Third Place Award in Embedded Systems (\$1,000) for *Drip - A Precision Irrigation System for the Developing World*.

Other Team Canada-ISEF 2018 award winners included:

- Emily Cross (18), Thunder Bay ON - First Place Award from the American Geosciences Institute (\$1,500)
- Danish Mahmood (14), London ON - Second Place Grand Award in Biomedical Engineering (\$1,500)
- Tasnia Nabil (17), Windsor ON - Fourth Place Grand Award in Biomedical Engineering (\$500)
- Crystal Radinski (17), Calgary AB - Fourth Place Grand Award in Biomedical and Health Sciences (\$500)

Youth Science Canada's Executive Director, Reni Barlow, noted, "This year's results show that Canadian youth science continues to be world-class and that Youth Science Canada's programs are working to develop, support, and recognize our country's young scientists."

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Applications for Team Canada-ISEF 2019 are open to students who will be in high school as of May, 2019. The deadline for applications is December 15, 2018. For more information, visit the [Team Canada-ISEF web site](#) [2].

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