

STEM-H Center

2026 Volunteer Opportunities

Event	Volunteer Opportunity	Description	Time Commitment	Training Provided	Education/Occupation Requirements	How to sign up
Central New Mexico STEM Research Challenge	Regional Category Judge	Interview elementary, middle or high school students about their science/engineering projects, score them, and caucus with fellow judges to determine 1st, 2nd, 3rd places in a category. Judges can choose their division (middle or high school) and category (Biology, Chemistry, Math, Engineering, etc.)	March 19, 2026 7:30a – 1:00p (middle school) March 20, 2026 7:30a – 1:00p (high school) March 20, 2026 12:00 – 3:30p (elementary) Breakfast & refreshments provided	Training materials available online before event. Orientation during first caucus meeting on the day of the competition.	For Senior (High School) Division: Bachelor's degree at minimum; prefer advanced degree or substantial research/work experience in judging category. For Junior (Middle School) Division: college students majoring in judging category acceptable; BA/BS or above; or substantial research/work experience in judging category. For Elementary (4/5 grade): high school students and above may judge this division. Does not require specialized knowledge in a specific area of STEM but ability to interact with young students is important!	Register Online at https://tinyurl.com/RCVolunteerSignUp Create an account and select 'Judge' as your registration type.
Central New Mexico STEM Research Challenge	General/Registration Volunteers	Help with various tasks on set up night. Register/check-in students as they arrive to set up their projects. Assist students in finding their project location, taking pictures, handing out t-shirts. Other tasks as needed.	March 18, 2026 2:30p - 7:30p Light dinner provided	Orientation meeting before beginning volunteer assignment on day of event.	None	Register Online at https://tinyurl.com/RCVolunteerSignUp Create an account and select 'Volunteer' as your registration type.
Central New Mexico STEM Research Challenge	Display & Safety Inspectors	Inspect student science and engineering project displays to ensure compliance with display and safety protocols.	March 18, 2026 2:30p - 7:30p Light dinner provided	Required online training must be completed before day of event. Training will take approximately 1 hr. Orientation meeting on day of event.	None; background in safety/risk management is a plus!	Register Online at https://tinyurl.com/RCVolunteerSignUp Create an account and select 'Volunteer' as your registration type.
Central New Mexico Science Olympiad	Event Supervisors & Assistants	Using rules and guidelines provided by the National Science Olympiad, design and execute a competition event for middle or high school students. Events can range from written exams to hands-on lab tests and engineering-based construction testing.	January 31, 2026 7:00a – 4:00p (approx) Breakfast & lunch provided	Materials, training, and support are provided on an individual basis	Experience (academic or work) in the subject area/s of supervised event.	Email scifair@unm.edu