

Perceived Impact of Science Fair Participation on Scientists' and Engineers' Interest in Science

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This study will examine the effect of Massachusetts Science Fair experiences on a proposed sample of scientists and engineers who hold degrees in the natural sciences. The 25 respondents will be culled from across the scientific research sector in Massachusetts and interviewed about 1) their experience in Science Fair and/or independent scientific research in secondary school and 2) the degree to which these experiences informed their choice of careers. The resulting report will be submitted to policy makers highlighting the perceived impact of Science Fair participation on working science professionals.