

Singapore Science Buskers Q&As

Question: Who can participate?

Answer: Anyone aged 7 years old and above may participate in Singapore Science Buskers.

Question: How long should the presentation be during the auditions?

Answer: Participants are given only 5 minutes to present during the audition.

Question: Are we allowed to use a laptop to show PowerPoint Slides and videos while presenting?

Answer: Excellent question! We want to encourage science busking as shown in the videos during the workshop, thus usage of PowerPoint slides or video clips are not allowed. Please show us more of you having fun doing and explaining your demonstrations.

Question: Could we have people in our virtual conference as the audience?

Answer: Yes, you can! As long as they are NOT the main demonstrators or actors/actresses

Question: Can we use everyday materials or easy experiments for this audition?

Answer: Yes! Science busking is about keeping it simple for people to understand more about the science topics.

Question: Is it compulsory for everyone in the group to perform or act in the presentation?

Answer: It is not compulsory, please share with us how the members (not in the video) in your team have contributed when submitting the video or in the credits of the video. We would like to recognise and give credit to everyone who has participated.

Question: How will the auditions be conducted?

Answer: The auditions will be conducted as a virtual conference via Zoom platform, where participants busk their science demonstrations to the judges.

Question: Can we add some lighting and mysterious fog to virtual conference audition to create suspense?

Answer: Yes, you can! Creativity is one of the elements we look for when judging the entries in the audition!

Question: Can we cover multiple topics or only one?

Answer: You can cover multiple topics, but please keep your presentation within 5 minutes.

Question: When we say scientific terms, and don't evaluate will we be penalised?

Answer: Good question! Science busking video is for everyone of all ages to learn. We would like to challenge you to make the scientific terms simple for all to understand.

Question: Can we wear a face shield during shoot?

Answer: We accept 'face shield', but please follow the guidelines implemented by your school.

Question: What if our experiment does not work lots of times?

Answer: We encourage you to 'never give up'. The 'failed' process is what makes learning fun! Just continue with your presentation and show us how creative you are with your recovery!

Question: Will we be penalised when we unknowingly did an experiment that is done by others?

Answer: No, definitely not!

Question: What do I need to do if my team is shortlisted for the finals?

Answer: Due to the ever-changing COVID situation, the **TENTATIVE** plan is that Finalist teams will need to record a video and submit to organisers. These videos will be put up on an online platform for public voting. Additionally, finalists will need to prepare to busk to a panel of judges for the Final Round. We are planning for an in-person Final Round where teams will be invited to a location with safety measures in place to busk in-front of a panel of judges without audience, but it will be streamed live on a virtual platform for public, friends and family to view. Details of the Final Round will be confirmed by mid-September.

Question: Can we change the experiment after we were qualified to finals?

Answer: Yes, if possible, please update us.

Question: While fire is not allowed, may we use electric hot plate to heat things?

Answer: Yes, you are allowed to use an induction cooker. But please be careful and have adult supervision if possible!

Question: Do we need to show our face during the audition?

Answer: Yes, we would like to see your hands-on performance and explanation!

Question: We can tell some jokes while the experiment, right?

Answer: Yes! A science joke would be interesting!

Question: Are we allowed to change our demo topic (to a different one from the one we stated in the registration form)?

Answer: Yes, you can but kindly please update us.

Question: Can chemicals be used?

Answer: Yes, all over-the-counter chemicals and materials are allowed. However, if you are unsure, you may check with us first!

Question: When will the final round be held?

Answer: Shortlisted participants will receive the information by beginning in October for more information.

Question: Can pre-recorded videos be shown during the auditions?

Answer: No, all forms of pre-recorded videos will not be allowed to be shown to the judges during the virtual conferencing auditions. Singapore Science Buskers auditions will be mainly focused on the participants' live performance and interaction with our judges.

Question: Is liquid nitrogen allowed?

Answer: No, liquid nitrogen is not allowed.

Question: Is the usage of fire in any form allowed?

Answer: No, anything that deals with the usage of fire should be avoided. No open flames (including candles, Bunsen burner) or flammable gases are allowed.

Question: Can I not use safety protections?

Answer: As safety is our priority, safety protections such as face shields, goggles, earmuffs and gloves must be worn at all times when conducting experiments.