

**May 2024**

**Seeking reviewers for an ethics video competition for the Summer [COSMOS](#) high school science program at UC San Diego.**

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This year the student assignment will be to produce a video (up to 5 minutes) to illustrate an ethical challenge and solution.

Specifically, we hope to recruit reviewers with sufficient experience and interest to serve on panels for ethics videos for the 2024 COSMOS program, to simply select the best of 3 in combination with 2 or 3 other reviewers. We need your help so that each video will have multiple reviews for balance and fairness.

We anticipate receiving 3 videos selected by COSMOS staff from each of the 13 clusters (sections) scheduled for this summer. As noted above, each panel will review 3 videos from students in one of the clusters.

You do not have to be physically present in San Diego to participate since reviews are done electronically.

**Two key dates are:**

- **Friday, July 26th:** Videos available to judge panel
- **Wednesday, July 31st:** Final decisions from review panels due before noon

Attached are the latest version of Reviewer Guidelines and FAQs

Please consider joining us. You'll have fun and contribute in a significant way to this summer experience for these future scientists, physicians, and engineers.

**If this is something you would be interested in doing, please contact ([mkalichman@ucsd.edu](mailto:mkalichman@ucsd.edu)).**

## 2024 Timeline AND FAQs for COSMOS Ethics Video Reviewers

### Key Points

- See next page for **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**
- The goal of this project is simply to ensure that these students recognize ethics as being one component of their ***responsibilities as future scientists and engineers***.
- As a member of an ethics review panel, your responsibility is to ***arrive at a consensus*** with other members of your panel as to which one of three videos should be recognized as the strongest.
- Keep in mind that these videos are created by science-interested high school students, who have had ***little or no formal training in ethics***.
- Before creating their videos, the students will have received a brief lecture on ethics and the contest, and will receive a copy of the contest guidelines, including the criteria on which their videos will be judged.
- As a reviewer, you will also receive a copy of the contest guidelines and scoring criteria for your reference.

### Timeline

July 26	Anthony King of the Institute for Practical Ethics (IPE) will assign and forward to the reviewers on each review panel: (1) 3 selected videos, (2) video guidelines document, and (3) this reviewer instructions and FAQs document.
July 31	By the end of day, reviewers for each Section come to agreement on the top video and forward to Anthony King <anthonyking@ucsd.edu> of the IPE.

## FAQs for Reviewers

- 1. When will I receive the videos for review?*  
Reviewers for each section will receive their three videos for review on **Friday, July 26, 2024**.
- 2. Will I need to do anything before I receive videos for review?*  
Yes. Each panel of reviewers will have someone assigned as your panel leader. He or she will contact all panel members to decide by majority vote if the group wants to simply total their scores to decide on the top video or if you want to plan to discuss your decision as a group (probably by Zoom, but the method should be the choice of the group). If you plan to meet, then as soon as you know the members of your panel you should schedule a time on your calendars to meet some time between when you receive the videos (**July 26**) and the deadline for your decision (**July 31**).
- 3. What criteria should I use to score the videos?*  
The criteria on the second page of the "Ethics in Science Video Guidelines" forwarded to you.
- 4. Where do I upload my scores?*  
You don't. The scores are for your use only to compare the strengths of the three videos.
- 5. How do I choose the best video?*  
The video with the best score is your tentative first choice, but the final decision should be made together with the other members of your review panel.
- 6. How should our review panel come to consensus?*  
This is up to the other members of your review panel and you. By majority vote, your panel can choose one of two methods for choosing the top video: (1) simply total everyone's scores or (2) use the scores as starting point for discussion. If you choose the first option, then you can just send the scores to your panel leader and they can total the scores to identify the top video. If you choose the second option, then you could start with a conference call, or Zoom or in person meeting, or simply share your scores with one another and discuss by e-mail. If the decision is unanimous about which video is the strongest, then that is your decision. However, if there is disagreement, then discussion among the panel members may convince one or more reviewers to revise their scoring.
- 7. What if I am having trouble using Zoom?*  
Dr. Reuven Brandt <rabrandt@ucsd.edu> has volunteered to be available to help you with your questions about using Zoom. Please be sure to try using Zoom well before your scheduled meeting so you can identify problems in time for Reuven to get back to you.
- 8. What if our review panel can't come to consensus?*  
As soon as it becomes clear you are not going to be able to come to agreement, contact Anthony King <anthonyking@ucsd.edu> to let him know the results of your deliberation so far so that arrangement can be made for getting a tie breaking vote.
- 9. How should we report the consensus of our review panel?*  
Your panel leader should send an e-mail to Anthony King <anthonyking@ucsd.edu> with your decision. If you were unable to find consensus, let him know how far you got and we will arrange for one or more additional reviews to break the tie.
- 10. By when do our video reviews need to be completed?*  
Your panel will need to complete and report the results of your review no later than the end of day **Wednesday, July 31, 2024**.