



Unlock Your Scientific Potential
Explore the Boundless Mysteries
of the Brain!



42 Countries & Regions

12000 Students Participated

Earn a Chance at a Fully-Funded **Ivy**

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An Interdisciplinary Journey
into the Mysteries of the Brain

**Track Cutting-edge
Neuroscience Developments**
Cultivate Research Expertise
Ignite Your Passion for Discovery

INO

International Neuroscience Olympiad (INO)

Open Round

Semifinal Round

Final Round

Language: English

Date: Open Round - Oct. 25, 2026

Semifinal Round - Jan. 17, 2027

Final Round - Apr. 2027 (TBD)

Grades: 9-12

Deadline: Open Round - Oct. 13, 2026

Semifinal Round - Jan. 5, 2027

Final Round - TBD



International Neuroscience Olympiad (INO) Introduction

The International Neuroscience Olympiad (INO) is a research-focused academic challenge in neuroscience. Originating at UC Berkeley, it aims to ignite young minds' passion for exploring the human brain and cultivate future pioneers in neuroscience research and medicine.

The brain—our most complex and least understood organ—coordinates cognition, emotion, movement, sleep, social interaction, and learning through intricate neural networks and neurotransmitter systems. It defines our humanity while making each individual unique.

Until now, 12,000 exceptional students from over 40 countries and regions have participated in INO, including China, the U.S., UK, Canada, France, South Korea, Russia, Belgium, Finland, Malaysia, Egypt, India, the Philippines, Kenya, and Ghana, etc.

The first-place winner of the International Neuroscience Olympiad will receive either a specialized research opportunity with a faculty member from a Top 20 university worldwide OR an equivalent cash prize. Any additional research, mentorship, or collaboration opportunities should be clearly distinguished from the official competition award unless explicitly guaranteed by INO.

INO provides students with a global platform to explore neuroscience. It not only deepens understanding of modern neuroscience principles but also encourages students to stay current with cutting-edge research breakthroughs and integrates new knowledge into their critical thinking. By solving real-world scientific problems, INO emphasizes practical applications of neuroscience and the importance of research competencies, aiming to cultivate key qualities including creativity, critical analysis, and scientific reasoning. These foundational skills—vital for neuroscience and transferable to all fields—equip students for future career success and personal growth.



INO

International Neuroscience Olympiad (INO) Open Round

Rules

Language: English

Date: Oct. 25, 2026 (Sun.), 10:00–11:00

Location: Paper-based in partnering school (online service application accepted)

Grades: 9–12

Format: Individual test

Question Type: 35 multiple-choice + 5 short-answer questions

Awards

Global Awards

- Honorable Mention
- Merit

* subject to actual cutoff scores and awards

National Awards

- High Distinction: Top 10%
- Distinction: Top 25%
- Credit: Top 40%

* National and Global awards are mutually exclusive



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International Neuroscience Olympiad (INO) Final Round

Rules

Language: English

Date: Apr. 2027 (TBD)

Location: Paper-based in partnering school (online service application accepted)

Eligibility: Top 20 participants from INO Semifinal Round

Format: Individual test

Question Type: Qualified students will receive case studies in advance to prepare research proposals. During finals, participants will present analyses to about 8 neuroscience professors/experts and INO Academic Committee members, followed by Q&A with judges.

Awards

- Global Champion
- First Runner-up
- Second Runner-up

* Special Recognition Award (if no female participants among top three)

Winners gain access to top research labs for collaborative projects and publication opportunities.

Official Academic Partners

■ Indigo Research

A premier U.S. online education institution. Mentors include postdocs, PhDs, and researchers from top-30 global universities (Columbia, Stanford, Cambridge, NYU, Michigan, etc.), specializing in neuroscience, AI, biomedicine, and social sciences with extensive lab/publication experience. During 2024-2025 admissions, Indigo students achieved 15.05% Ivy League acceptance—triple the 5% average rate.

■ Delaware Academy of Medicine / Delaware Public Health Association (DAM/DPHA)

It is a nonprofit merger of two legacy institutions. The Delaware Academy of Medicine advances public health education, continuing medical training, medical archives, and scholarships for medical/dental students. DPHA is the Delaware chapter of the American Public Health Association (APHA). DAM/DPHA uniquely combines historical medical scholarship with statewide public health advocacy.

Registration Methods

- Scan the QR code below to register
- School collective registration



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