"Ultimately the competition process could be characterized in a multitude of ways but can be described as eye-opening, careershaping, character-building, exciting, challenging, intense, and rewarding."



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84%

of participants say their SBC experience helped determine their field of study or career plan



74%

of participants have gone on to pursue biotechnology-related education or professions "Even after more than 20 years of the Biogenius competition, I am simply astounded by the life-changing discoveries that these young students make, and the power of science. Thanks to the collaboration between industry, government and academia, SBC fosters a culture of innovation in Canada, ultimately accelerating Canadian competitiveness and productivity. Programs like this are essential to shape and cultivate the next generation of leaders."

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