

Terms and conditions

The Photography Competition is organised by the Institution of Environmental Sciences (IES) of First Floor, 6-8 Great Eastern Street, London, EC2A 3NT, registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales: No 277611.

The competition

The Photography Competition is open to IES members and non-members.

No more than 5 entries per person are permitted.

Any entries submitted after the closing date will not be accepted.

No purchase is necessary to enter the Photography Competition.

All entries are to be sent via email. The IES cannot be held responsible for any emails that do not arrive due to the sender's security settings or restrictions put in place by their internet provider.

For the images you enter, the following conditions must be true:

- You are the sole owner of the images submitted;
- the entries are your original work;
- you own the copyright and any other intellectual property rights to all entries;
- your entries must not have previously been a "winner" in any other photographic competition;
- you have permission of any person identifiable in the image (or their parent/guardian if under the age of 18) to be submitted into the Photography Competition; and
- they have not disposed of any rights to images submitted that would conflict with the uses to be made by the IES.

Technical requirements

Entries must be high resolution, at least 300 dpi, and submitted as JPEG/JPG, TIFF/TIF or PNG with no watermarks/borders/signatures.

Some minor adjustments to images are permitted and will be taken into account during judging. This includes, but is not limited to, tone and contrast adjustments, cropping, sharpening, and HDR. The IES reserves the right to reject entries that are deemed overly edited, this could include recolours, removal or addition of elements from other photographs, false colouring, etc.

The prize

The Photography Competition entries will be judged anonymously by the IES on their artistic composition, fitting to the brief and technical ability.

The winner will win one of the following prizes, dependant on their current or estimated membership grade, as defined by IES membership criteria:

- Fellow, Member, Associate grade – 50% reduction in membership fee for next year;
- Student grade – The first year's membership upon graduation, free; and

- Affiliate grade – Free membership for one year, starting on the day of the awarding of the prize.

The winner of the Photography Competition will be notified by email (using the details provided at entry) after the closing date. If the winner does not respond to the IES within 14 days the prize will be forfeited and the IES will be entitled to contact the owner of the entry judged in next place to offer the prize to, and so on until a prize winner is found.

The winner will be announced publicly on social media by the IES.

The IES reserves the right to refuse entry, or refuse to award the prize to anyone in breach of these terms and conditions.

The prize is non-exchangeable and non-transferable.

By entering the Photography Competition, entrants will be deemed to have agreed to be bound by these Terms & Conditions. Any breach of these Terms by an entrant will void their entry. If a breach has occurred but is discovered after the award of a prize, then the IES may require the return of that prize.

Usage rights

By entering the Photography Competition you grant the IES a non-exclusive license to use the images for any purpose to further its aims and objectives. Specifically, but not exclusively, to:

- use the images on IES social media in conjunction with this, and any future iterations of the Photography Competition;
- post the images on the IES website;
- reproduce, edit, and print their entries for exhibition in the IES office;
- publish in the environmental SCIENTIST journal; and
- be distributed to third parties for publicity of the competition.

Full copyright title shall be retained by the author of any entry.

The IES will make every reasonable effort to ensure that name credits are given to any photograph published in any medium.

Data protection

We will keep any details you submit during the Photography Competition to enable us to use your images (see Usage rights). We will not pass on any personal information about you to any group or person outside of the IES.

The winner of the Photography Competition's name will be published alongside their winning photograph. You agree that your personal data may be used for this purpose.

The IES reserves the right to update these Terms and Conditions from time to time and any updated version will be effective as soon as it is published on the IES website.