

Terms and conditions

The Photography Competition is organised by the Institution of Environmental Sciences (IES), address: c/o The Association for Laboratory Medicine, 130-132 Tooley Street, London SE1 2TU, registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales: No 277611.

1. The competition

- 1.1. The Photography Competition is open to IES members and non-members.
- 1.2. No purchase is necessary to enter the Photography Competition.
- 1.3. All entries are to be sent via email, clearly stating your name, to publications@the-ies.org.
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.
- 1.4. No more than 3 entries per person are permitted.
- 1.5. Any entries submitted after the closing date will not be accepted.
- 1.6. For the images you enter, the following conditions must be true:
 - 1.6.1. You are the sole owner of the images submitted;
 - 1.6.2. The entries are your original work;
 - 1.6.3. You own the copyright and any other intellectual property rights to all entries;
 - 1.6.4. Each entry must not have previously been a "winner" in any other photographic competition;
 - 1.6.5. Each entry does not contain any material that could constitute or encourage conduct that would be considered a criminal offense, give rise to civil liability, or otherwise violate any law;
 - 1.6.6. No animals were harmed or manipulated in the making of the image;
 - 1.6.7. 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
 - 1.6.8. They have not disposed of any rights to images submitted that would conflict with the uses to be made by the IES.
- 1.7. The IES reserves the right to refuse entry or refuse to award the prize to anyone in breach of these terms and conditions.

2. Technical requirements

- 2.1. Entries must be high resolution, at least 300 dpi, and submitted as JPEG/JPG, TIFF/TIF or PNG with no watermarks/borders/signatures.
- 2.2. 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. Fully or partially AI-generated or AI-enhanced images are not permitted.

3. The prize

- 3.1. The Photography Competition entries will be judged anonymously by IES staff on their artistic composition, applicability to the brief and technical ability.
- 3.2. The decision of the IES is final and no negotiation will be entered into with respect to any such decision.
- 3.3. The winner will win one of the following prizes, dependent on their current or estimated membership grade, as defined by IES membership criteria:
 - 3.3.1. Fellow, Member, Associate grade – 50% reduction in membership fee for next year;
 - 3.3.2. Student grade – the first year's membership upon graduation, free; and
 - 3.3.3. Affiliate grade – free membership for one year, starting on the day of the awarding of the prize.
- 3.4. 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.
- 3.5. The winner will be announced publicly on social media by the IES.
- 3.6. The prize is non-exchangeable and non-transferable.
- 3.7. There are no cash alternatives available for prize winner.
- 3.8. 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.

4. Usage rights

- 4.1. By entering the Photography Competition, you grant the IES a non-exclusive, irrevocable licence to use the images for any purpose to further its aims and objectives. Specifically, but not exclusively, to:
 - 4.1.1. Use the images on IES social media in conjunction with this, and any future iterations of the Photography Competition;

- 4.1.2. Post the images on the IES website;
 - 4.1.3. Reproduce, edit, and print entries for exhibition in the IES office;
 - 4.1.4. Publish in the environmental SCIENTIST journal; and
 - 4.1.5. Be distributed to third parties for publicity of the competition.
- 4.2. Full copyright title shall be retained by the author of any entry.
- 4.3. The IES will make every reasonable effort to ensure that name credits are given to any photograph published in any medium. Any failure to provide such credit line shall not be deemed to be a breach, as long as the IES uses its reasonable endeavours to rectify such failure within a reasonable period from the date of notice of such failure.

5. Data protection

- 5.1. Submitted personal data (name and email address) will be used solely for the purpose of contacting the winner and publishing submitted images with a credit line (see Usage rights). The winner of the Photography Competition's name will be published alongside their winning photograph. Images submitted by non-winning entrant's may also be used as per the Usage Rights contained within these Terms and Conditions. By submitting your image for entry in this Photo Competition, regardless of outcome, you agree that your personal data may be used for this purpose.
- 5.2. Under no circumstances will your data be used for marketing or any other purposes other than those outlined above, unless express consent is obtained for such purposes. For further information, please refer to the [Privacy Policy](#).
- 5.3. 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.