

CONTEST RULES

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Contest details

In 2016, Canadian Science Publishing organized the Visualizing SCIENCE image contest. The contest seeks images that visualize scientific research. The contest is open to all members of the international research community.

Contest Participants can submit a maximum of five (5) images to each of the three (3) categories.

FROM THE LAB

This category includes all images taken within the lab including micrographs and photographs.

FROM THE MACHINE

This category includes all images created *in silico* (i.e., by computer) including data visualization, modelling, digital art, and infographic representations.

FROM THE FIELD

This category includes all images taken of and during field work including field sketches and photographs.

Prizes and recognition

A total of five (5) monetary prizes will be awarded.

- Grand Prize of \$400 CAD
- People's Choice prize of \$250 CAD
- From the Lab category prize of \$200 CAD
- From the Machine category prize of \$200 CAD
- From the Field category prize of \$200 CAD

Monetary prizes will be mailed by cheque or wire transfer, subject to exchange rates of the Contest Participant's financial institution. Canadian Science Publishing is not liable for lost cheques or conversion rates. No exceptions will be made.

The contest winners will be announced and publicized by Canadian Science Publishing. The contest winners will be notified individually by email prior to public announcement. If a contest winner does not acknowledge receipt of this email within 10 business days, their monetary prize will be revoked and a new winner will be selected. Canadian Science Publishing is not liable if a contest winner rejects the monetary prize. Please see *Image selection* for information about the People's Choice prize.

Eligibility

The Visualizing SCIENCE contest is free to enter and open to all members of the international research community: researchers, students, and their collaborators.

Contest Participants must be 18 years of age or older at the time of submission (or as of July 20, 2021).

Employees of Canadian Science Publishing and their immediate family, and judges of the contest and their immediate family are not eligible.

If you have questions about eligibility, please contact us at marketing@cdnsiencepub.com

Deadline

The contest opens for submissions on July 20, 2021 at 09:30 (ET). The contest closes to submissions on August 17, 2021 at 23:59 (ET).

Image requirements

Understanding that scientific images are not always photographs, the image contest is open to all scientific images (e.g., photographs, micrographs, infographics, computer generated images, drawings, etc.).

Submitted images must:

- be high resolution (at least 300 dpi),
- be in the format of .JPG, .TIFF, or .PNG (graphical interchange format or GIF will not be accepted),
- not exceed 50 megabytes,
- not be a zipped file,

- relate to the Contest Participant's research or field of study,
- be a new image that has not been submitted to previous Visualizing SCIENCE contests, and
- adhere to the requirements outlined under *Submission requirements*.

Submission requirements

All images should be submitted to one of the three categories: From the Lab, From the Machine, or From the Field.

Each Contest Participant can submit a maximum of five (5) entries for each category. Each entry must be accompanied by a title, a caption, an image file, and, if applicable, the Model Release Form; please see instructions below for submitting the Model Release Form. Please note that the title, caption, and image file name must be submitted in English.

Each entry must be accompanied by:

1. A title
 - Maximum of 60 characters, including spaces
 - Example: *On the move*
2. A caption
 - Maximum of 600 characters, including spaces
 - Describe what is seen in the image, why the research is happening, and how the research is done.
 - Written in plain language for a scientifically interested audience.
 - Example: *This is not your average bear. This American black bear is wearing a special collar equipped with an accelerometer and GPS, the same devices your cell phone uses to track where you are going and how many steps you take. The collar sends out signals coded with information about the bear's movement and location. When the data from the signals are combined, researchers can map out where bears spend their days and nights. These maps help conservation agencies create strategies to reduce collisions between vehicles and bears.*
3. An image file that adheres to the contest's naming convention
 - The name of the file you upload must include your last name, first name, and the same title as the title of the image you are submitting. The file naming convention is as follows: *LastNameFirstName_Title*
 - Example of a correctly named file: *SmithJane_Onthemove*
 - Please note that contest judges receive anonymized files that do not include the names of Contest Participants.
4. A completed Model Release Form if the image depicts a recognizable person

- If the image to be submitted depicts a recognizable person, the person(s) must complete a Model Release Form.
- The completed Model Release Form(s) must be emailed to marketing@cdnsiencepub.com before the contest closes on August 17, 2021 at 23:59 (ET).
- Download the Model Release Form [here](#).

If submitting multiple images, each image must have a different title and caption. If multiple images are submitted and each image does not have a different title and caption, the submitted images with duplicate titles or captions will be disqualified.

Images that do not adhere to title and caption requirements and proper file naming will be subject to disqualification.

Image selection

Successful entries will be selected based on their aesthetics and how well they communicate the scientific research. The appropriateness of a successful entry is at the sole discretion of Canadian Science Publishing and its staff.

The selection of contest winners for the Grand Prize and category prizes is at the discretion of the judges. Twenty-five (25) images selected by the People's Choice judge will be included in the People's Choice voting. The People's Choice winner will be awarded to the image with the highest number of Votes accrued through the Woobox voting platform. The number of Facebook Shares, Twitter Shares, and Likes submitted through the Woobox voting platform will not be tabulated when determining the winner of the People's Choice prize. If it is determined that a user(s) is generating fraudulent Votes on the Woobox voting platform, the image with fraudulent Votes will be disqualified and other images submitted by the Contest Participant who submitted the image with fraudulent Votes will be reviewed for voting fraud and cheating. In the event of a tie whereby two images each receive the same number of Votes and that number is the largest number of Votes, the two Contest Participants will each be declared a People's Choice Co-Winner and each receive \$250 CAD.

Copyright

If the Contest Participant agrees their image(s) can be used in Canadian Science Publishing promotional material, the creator of the image(s) retains full ownership and the copyright of the image(s). Canadian Science Publishing will acknowledge the Contest Participant in promotional material, unless circumstances do not allow.

Changes to or cancellation of the contest

Canadian Science Publishing reserves the right to make changes to the contest, cancel the contest, and hold back the prizes at any time without justification or being accountable for these actions. No damages or compensation may be claimed.

Participant agreement

By submitting to the Visualizing SCIENCE contest, the Contest Participant agrees to abide by the following statements:

1. The Contest Participant is the creator or sole proprietor of the image and retains all rights to the image.
2. The Contest Participant agrees that their image(s), should they be successful entries, will be considered for the monetary prizes and Canadian Science Publishing can use their image(s) and share their name to promote the contest, finalists, winners, or research depicted in the image(s) without compensation or incurring any debts or liabilities of any kind.
3. Any recognizable persons depicted in the image(s) have granted permission to the Contest Participant to be shown, completed the Model Release Form, and understand that the Contest Participant grants Canadian Science Publishing permission to use and publish the image(s) to promote the competition, finalists, winners, or research without compensation or incurring any debts or liabilities of any kind.
4. The Contest Participant agrees that Canadian Science Publishing and its employees, agents, representatives, successors, and delegates are not responsible for any infringements of copyrights by third parties and litigation that results from infringements of copyrights.
5. The Contest Participant understands that all decisions associated with the contest are final and cannot be appealed.
6. The Contest Participant understands that Canadian Science Publishing will make every reasonable effort to protect your privacy and only use personal information submitted to the contest (i.e., First Name, Last Name, Email Address) to communicate with Contest Participants. Please see [Canadian Science Publishing's Privacy Policy](#).
7. The Contest Participant agrees to the Visualizing SCIENCE Contest Rules.

For more information

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