2027 RMS Scientific Imaging Competition

Terms & Conditions

The organisers of the RMS International Scientific Imaging Competition 2027 are the Royal Microscopical Society. The deadline for receipt of entries is midnight GMT **4 May 2027**.

This competition is open to individuals only. Members of the organising committees, and the contracted promotional and design agencies are not eligible to win prizes.

Submissions can only be accepted electronically as digital images. No more than two images/videos per person to be submitted. Digital images should be submitted via the competition website and should be JPEG or TIFF files, no larger than 4mb. Videos should be submitted in MPEG or AVI format and no larger than 10mb.

All submissions should include the entrant's name and email address along with a short description of each image or video. This text should be less than 50 words. Your entry should not have been submitted to earlier competitions held by the Royal Microscopical Society or to other micrograph/scientific imaging competitions.

All submissions must be created in line with the society's policy on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Computational Image Processing in Competitions.

The competition is divided into seven categories; Electron Microscopy – Life Science, Electron Microscopy – Physical Science, Light Microscopy – Life Science, Light Microscopy – Physical Science, Atomic Force and Scanning Probe Microscopy, Short Video and Other.

All submissions made via the electronic entry form must tick the relevant box to indicate they have read and accept these Terms & Conditions.

The organisers do not accept any liability for lost, delayed or incomplete entries.

The copyright of the entire image before and after manipulation must be held by the entrant or the entrant must have the written authority of the copyright owner to submit the photograph for the competition. It is the responsibility of the entrant to seek all permissions required for the image to win under the entrant's name, and for the display and publication of the entry. The organisers reserve the right to request evidence of such authorities or consents.

Appropriate credit should be given to copyright owners or co-authors of an image/video.

The organisers reserve the right to reproduce and exhibit and to license the reproduction and the exhibition of some or all, in whole or part, in all media (now known or hereafter created) of all submissions to the Royal Microscopical Society without the permission of the entrant or copyright owner or payment for such use, but only in line with the charitable objectives of the Royal Microscopical Society (RMS). The moral right of the copyright owner will be acknowledged.

Should the organisers wish to reproduce and exhibit any entry or entries not in association with the RMS, then the organiser will obtain permission from the owner of the copyright and a reasonable reproduction fee may be payable.

A judging panel appointed by the organisers will choose the winners. The organisers' decision on all matters relating to the competition is final, and no correspondence will be entered into concerning the competition's judging and organisation.

The judges reserve the right in their absolute discretion to declare void any entry or declare the whole competition or a category or categories void should no entries meet the required standard.

Entrants whose entries are shortlisted for the final competition judging may be required to submit alternative resolution images suitable for printed display.

Winners will be announced on Wednesday 7 July as part of a ceremony during mmc2027 incorporating EMAG 2027. All shortlisted entrants are invited to attend this ceremony.

The competition results will be published on the RMS website after the event.

Prizes are not negotiable.

The RMS reserves the right to replace advertised prizes with one of a similar value should the original prize become unavailable.

CLOSING DATE for all entries is midnight GMT **4 May 2027**.

SHORTLISTED ENTRIES will be notified by **18 June 2027**.

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