

2020 Science in Focus Competition

Terms and conditions and FAQs

The Science in Focus Competition celebrates QUT research with impact by showcasing the most original, informative and technically innovative images, video and virtual/augmented reality displays.

Who can enter?

The competition is open to current QUT staff and students.

What are the prizes?

First prize overall: \$1000Second prize overall: \$500

• Highly commended award: \$250

• QUT Centre for Materials Science prize: \$750

• People's choice award: \$250

Entry guidelines

- Entries open 10 August 2020 and close 18 September 2020.
- Entries must be submitted via the online entry form.
- Entrants may submit up to three entries in each of the following categories: images, video, virtual and augmented reality.
- Entries that have won awards in other image or video competitions are not eligible for the 2020 Science in Focus competition.
- Failure to comply with image entry criteria will disqualify an entry.
- Uploading images:
 - o Accepted image files include: PNG, JPG, JPEG, PDF, EPS, TIF or GIF
 - Files must be high resolution to allow display on the Cube. Low resolution images may not be accepted.
 - Image files must not exceed 50 MB
- Video or motion graphics:
 - o Please submit your video in MP4 format
 - o 1920x 1080 resolution (aspect ratio 16:9), quality: 1080p HD widescreen
 - Videos or motion graphics should be submitted via cloudstor link
 - O Videos must be no longer than one minute in length

What types of images or videos can I enter?

QUT staff and students are invited to enter original, visually striking images that tell a story about QUT scientific research. The types of images that may be entered include (but are not limited to):

- Light or electron microscopy images
- Photographs
- Hand-drawn or digital illustrations
- Diagrams, infographics, graphs or table-of-contents images
- 3D images
- X-ray patterns or structures
- Thermal images
- Machine outputs and scans

- Video or motion graphics (one minute maximum)
- Virtual or augmented reality
- Not sure if your entry is eligible? Contact ife.comms@qut.edu.au

How will the winners be chosen?

First prize \$1000, second prize \$500 and highly commended \$250

A judging panel will choose winners using the following criteria:

- Originality and creativity
- Informational content, particularly the explanation of research importance/impact connected to the image
- Technical proficiency
- Visual impact

Centre for Materials Science prize \$750

• Entry meets general criteria + subject matter reflects materials science

People's choice award \$250

• Chosen via public online vote from the top ten finalists

How and when will finalists and winners be announced?

Entries close Friday 18 September 2020. After judging, finalists will be informed via email and announced on the QUT website.

Finalist images will also be displayed at a finalist awards ceremony/exhibition proposed for 16 October (TBC due to COVID regulations) in The Cube at QUT Gardens Point. All finalists are strongly encouraged to attend, as prize winners will be announced at this event.

How will the images be used?

Creative licence

- By submitting entries, you agree that your entry may be uploaded to the IFE Flickr account under a Creative Commons, Non-Commercial, Attribution, NoDerivs licence.
- This is the most restrictive of the Creative Commons licences and means that your entry may be downloaded and shared by site visitors, but only if they credit you, don't change the image or video in any way or use them for commercial purposes.
- If you would prefer for your entry to be shared via a different creative licence, please contact ife.comms@qut.edu.au to discuss the options.

Use in QUT communications

 Your entry may be used in QUT collateral and publications, including, but not limited to annual report covers, e-newsletters, posters, brochures, display screens and social media posts.

Commercial opportunities

 Should QUT be approached with any commercial opportunities related to use of any entry, the entrant will be notified.

Questions?

Contact ife.comms@qut.edu.au