



# FACES OF BIOLOGY PHOTO CONTEST

2024 OFFICIAL RULES

## SPONSORS

Sponsors of the contest are the American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS) and the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology (SICB).

## TERM

The Faces of Biology Photo Contest begins on April 1, 2024 and ends September 30, 2024 at 11:59:59 pm Eastern Time. By submitting an entry, each contestant agrees to the rules of the contest and warrants that his or her entry complies with all requirements set out in the Official Rules.

## ELIGIBILITY

The contest is open to any legal resident of the United States who is at least 18 years of age. The contest is free to enter. Employees, interns, officers, and board members of the American Institute of Biological Sciences and any third party contest sponsors are not eligible.

## WHAT TO ENTER

The theme of the contest is “Faces of Biology.” Photographs entered into the contest must depict a person, such as a scientist, researcher, technician, collections curator, or student, engaging in biological sciences research or education. The depicted research

may occur outside, in a lab, with a natural history collection, on a computer, in a classroom, or elsewhere, and show science in action.

Photos can be taken anywhere in the world, taken at any time, and be color or black and white.

By submitting the required photo license(s) and release(s), entrants warrant they are the sole copyright owners of their entry and are demonstrating authorization by any additional copyright owner to grant the license(s) contained herein to AIBS and any third party sponsors.

Do not enter photos that:

- Show nudity, violence, or symbols or acts of hatred
- Are illegal or otherwise prohibited in some way
- Include watermarks; or overlaying images, logos, or text

Submitted photos must also be accompanied by text describing, and giving context to, the subject and contents of the photo. Contest Sponsors reserve the right to edit descriptive text and to use it, including publicly, in support of the contest or for other purposes.

## HOW TO ENTER

To enter, visit <https://www.aibs.org/faces-of-biology/> and follow the links and instructions to complete the registration form, upload one photograph that illustrates the theme of the contest, and upload signed model release form(s) if applicable. Up to three (3) submissions per contestant will be accepted, however only one entry per contestant can be selected as a First, Second, or Third Place Winner. An individual submission must be completed for each photograph entered, and the names and addresses provided must uniquely identify the single contestant submitting multiple photographs.

Photographs must be in digital format; we do not accept photographs submitted through the mail. High quality scans of negatives, transparencies, or prints will be accepted.

Photographs must be submitted in .jpeg, .jpg, .tiff, or .png format. Contest winners may be required to submit a high-resolution file (400 dpi) in .tif format.

Minor adjustments, such as cropping, correcting color saturation, or panoramic stitching, are acceptable. Photos whose content has been significantly altered, or generated or augmented using artificial intelligence or photo editing technology, may be deemed ineligible.

The photograph must not contain material that violates or infringes another's rights to privacy, trademarks, or intellectual property rights, or that constitutes copyright infringement.

Sponsors reserve the right to examine the original photograph/source material in order to confirm compliance with these rules.

## RELEASES

Entrants must secure a signed model release from each recognizable person in the photograph, including the entrant, and submit it at the time of entry. In the case of a minor, the subject's parent or guardian must sign the release. A sample release is available at <https://www.aibs.org/assets/collections/news/AIBS-Photo-Release.doc>. Failure to provide a release for each recognizable person in the photo will result in disqualification from the contest.

Entrants who are selected as the First Place Winner, Second Place Winner, or Third Place Winner may be required to sign a release with the Sponsors granting permission to use third-party media in a scholarly publication.

## ENTRY DEADLINE

All entries must be received through the AIBS website by 11:59:59 pm Eastern Time on September 30, 2024.

# CONTEST PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to one First Place Winner, one Second Place Winner, and one Third Place Winner. The First Place Winner will have their winning photo featured on the cover of *BioScience* and will receive \$250. The Second and Third Place Winners will have their winning photo printed inside *BioScience*. All Winners will receive a one year online subscription to *BioScience* and the discounted AIBS Member Society or Organization (MSO) rate for one professional development workshop registration within 365 days of the announcement for the winning photos.

If the First Place Winner is unable to produce a high-resolution file (8.655 inches in width by 11 inches in height at 400 dpi), the Sponsors may elect to publish the winning photo inside *BioScience* rather than on the cover.

# JUDGING

Judging will be conducted by judges chosen by the Sponsors. Judges will select one First Place Winner, one Second Place Winner, and one Third Place Winner. Judges will make their selection based on the following judging criteria: extent to which the photograph captures the essence of the contest theme (50%); creativity (25%); and composition, clarity, and technical quality (25%). Winners will be notified by December 15, 2024. Decisions of the judges are final.

# LICENSE

By entering the contest, entrants grant the American Institute of Biological Sciences and any third party contest sponsors a non-exclusive, transferable, royalty-free, perpetual, worldwide license to display, distribute, reproduce, and create derivative works of the entries, in whole or in part, in any media now existing or subsequently developed, for any educational, promotional, publicity, exhibition, archival, scholarly, advocacy, or non-commercial purpose, without compensation, permission or further notification to the entrant. Examples of uses include, but are not limited to: publication in the journal *BioScience*; promotion of the photo contest; publication on the website of the American

Institute of Biological Sciences or the AIBS Legislative Action Center; and in promotional or advocacy documents, pamphlets, or reports. Any photograph reproduced will include a photographer credit as feasible. The Sponsors will not be required to pay any additional consideration or seek any additional approval in connection with such uses.

## DATA RETENTION

AIBS will retain the entirety of each submission, including any personally identifiable information, to fulfill the aims of the contest, and to verify our rights to hold and use the images as is granted in the submitted licenses and photo releases.

## CONDITIONS

All submissions are welcome, but eligible entrants must be legal residents located in the United States, the District of Columbia, and other territories under U.S. jurisdiction.

The American Institute of Biological Sciences and any third party contest sponsors reserve the right to cancel the contest, modify these rules, or determine entry eligibility at its discretion.