

BIOPHYSICAL SOCIETY “THE ART OF SCIENCE” IMAGE CONTEST

OFFICIAL RULES

1. Submitters must be a registered Annual Meeting attendee, a 2026 member of the Biophysical Society, and be onsite at the Annual Meeting. Submitter may not designate another person to display the artwork.
2. Submissions are limited to one image per contestant and should complement the science that is biophysics.
3. Images submitted for competition may be obtained by any method but must have a direct and evident connection to biophysical research. They can also be obtained by combining multiple images into one artistic image. However, the quality of the image is the key element in the competition and the images must have a connection to biophysical research.
4. All images are required to be submitted as jpeg, tif, eps file on or before December 1, 2025.
5. All images submitted must include a title and a short description (50 words or less) of the technique used, the object that was imaged, and any special conditions.
6. Entries will be limited to the first 100 completed entries received. A complete entry must include an image, title, and description of the image.
7. Judging will be based on the following:
 - a) Scientific Significance
 - b) Originality
 - c) Artistic and/or Visual impact
8. A panel of judges will select a group of 10 - 12 finalists from the submitted images.
9. All submitters will be contacted via email on or before January 5, 2026, with the results.

10. All finalists will have their entry displayed in the Exhibit Hall during normal exhibit hall hours (10 AM – 5 PM Sunday – Tuesday and 10 AM – 3 PM Wednesday).
11. Annual meeting attendees will view and vote on images displayed in the Exhibit Hall.
12. Monetary prizes will be awarded at the meeting as follows: 1st place \$500, 2nd place \$300, and 3rd place \$200.
13. In the event of a tie, the Image Contest Panel of Judges will determine the winners. The decision of the judges will be final.
14. Winners will be announced at the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, February 24, at 4:00 PM in the Exhibit Hall at the Moscone Center, San Francisco, California.
15. All entries must be the fully original and sole creations of the entrants. By entering, all participants warrant and represent that 1) their respective entries are their own fully original creations; 2) if any third-party content was used to create the image that they have full rights to use that content, and 3) their respective entries will not infringe or violate the rights of any third parties, including but not limited to copyrights, trademarks and rights of publicity/privacy.
16. Biophysical Society retains the right to use images for promotional purposes to include on the BPS website, Newsletter, and any other publication.
17. Any deviation of these rules by any finalist will result in an automatic disqualification.