

## **Scientific Photo Competition - Celebrating the Wonders of the Brain!**

Are you fascinated by the intricacies of the nervous system? Do you have a passion for microscopic imaging? If so, we invite you to showcase your talent and passion by participating in our Scientific Photo Competition!

**Theme: "The Wonders of the Brain"**

### **Submission Guidelines:**

1. The competition is open to all UW students, staff and faculty.
2. Each participant may submit up to three original microscopic photographs capturing the beauty, complexity, and marvels of the nervous system of the brain.
3. The photographs can be obtained using any type of microscopes. The recommended resolution of the submitted photographs is no smaller than 1,000 pixels by 1,000 pixels.
4. Submitted photographs can be in color or grey scale and may have been previously published or awarded in any other competition.
5. Basic manipulation of the photographs, such as false-coloring, cropping, and changing the brightness/contrast, is acceptable.
6. Photographs created by artificial intelligence (AI) are not acceptable.
7. All photographs must be accompanied by a brief description (maximum 20 words) explaining the scientific relevance of the microscopic image.
8. By entering the competition, participants grant WSBC the right to use their photographs for display at website, core laboratories, or other internal uses, with proper credits to the photographer.

### **Prizes:**

The top three winners will have their photographs framed and displayed in Wyoming Sensory Biology Center (WSBC)'s recently renovated auditorium/training room and core labs. Additionally, the winners will each receive a high-quality copy of their framed photograph, to cherish as a memento of their achievement. The winning photographs will also be featured on our website and social media platforms.

**Submission Deadline: Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

**How to Enter:** Send your photograph(s) along with the accompanying description(s) to Dr Zhaojie Zhang [[zzhang@uwyo.edu](mailto:zzhang@uwyo.edu)] with the subject line "WSBC Scientific Photo Competition"

Include your full name, department name and contact phone number in the email. Please attach the photograph(s) in JPEG format and ensure that each file is no larger than 10MB. Please state that this submission is approved by your supervisor or advisor, if the photos were derived from your work.

### **Judging Criteria:**

A panel of distinguished scientists and artists will evaluate the submissions based on the following criteria:

- Relevance to the theme "The Wonders of the Brain".
- Originality and creativity in capturing the subject.

- Technical excellence in photography.
- Clarity and significance of the scientific description provided.

**Announcement of Winners:**

The winners will be announced no later than **September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023**.

*Let your creativity and passion for science shine through your lens! We look forward to receiving your captivating entries that unravel the enigmatic world of the nervous system.*

For inquiries/questions, please contact Dr. Zhaojie Zhang ([zzhang@uwyo.edu](mailto:zzhang@uwyo.edu); 307-766-3038).

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