

Cancer Research UK Research is Beautiful photography competition: terms & conditions

The Research is Beautiful photography competition aims to celebrate the beauty of science through the lens of photography. We seek photos that showcase research from the microcosm to the macrocosm, researchers in action and research environments spanning from lab work to research events.

1. The Competition is run and promoted by Cancer Research UK (“we” or “our”), 2 Redman Place, London E20 1JQ. The Competition runs on a rolling basis and we may close it at any time.
2. The Competition is open to anyone aged 18+ involved in cancer research or related activities.
3. How to enter:
 - Email your photo to researcher.comments@cancer.org.uk with your name, a headshot and your photo caption. Headshots are only used if you are selected as a winner and are securely deleted for all non-winning entries.
 - Include the following line in your submission email: *“I confirm that I have read the competition terms and conditions and give my explicit consent for CRUK to use my headshot, name and competition photo if I am selected as a winner for the purposes of announcing the winner and promoting the competition.”* You can withdraw your consent at any time by contacting researcher.comments@cancer.org.uk.
 - Photos should be JPEG and at least 2000px. Cropping and colour adjustments are allowed.
 - Unlimited entries are permitted.

- Consent is required for anyone featured in the photos. Written consent from the parent or legal guardian is required if a child is featured in a photo.
4. We may reject entries that are offensive, illegal or inappropriate.
 5. Each month, we will select standout photos and commend one as “Photo of the Month”. Selection will be based on originality, creativity, impact and suitability for the Competition. Our decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. We have a discretion not to select “Photo of the Month” in any given month.
 6. Between 1 March 2026 and 28 February 2027, a prize will be awarded to the entrant whose Competition photo is selected as “Photo of the Month” unless that entrant has previously won a prize as part of this Competition in which case we reserve the right to select an alternative winner or not award a prize at all.
 7. Each winner will be offered a £100/€100 National Book Token e-gift card which can be used online at [various bookshops](#) in the UK and Ireland. Winners will be notified by email within 5 working days after the end of the relevant month. If a winner does not respond within 5 working days, the prize will be forfeited and may be awarded to a reserve winner (if applicable).
 8. Prizes are awarded “as is” without warranties. Prizes are non-transferable and have no cash alternative but may be substituted for a similar prize of equal value as our discretion if required due to circumstances beyond our control. We do not endorse National Book Tokens and are not responsible for any issues with the prize. Any queries about the use of the prize should be directed to National Book Tokens.
 9. We will publish, or make available upon request, the winner’s surname and county, and where relevant their headshot and company/host institution. This is required to demonstrate that a valid award took place. If you do not want your details published, please contact us promptly. Please note that we will still be required to provide your surname and county to the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) if requested. Requests for winner information can be made to researcher.comments@cancer.org.uk and will be fulfilled within six weeks of the end of the Competition month.

10. Entrants whose photos are selected as “Photo of the Month” will be notified directly and those photos may be featured in our “Research Update newsletter” (an electronic newsletter), website and social media channels, alongside the entrants’ names, headshots and companies/host institutions and captions. We may contact entrants to learn the story behind their photos to feature alongside the photos. At our discretion, any photo, entrant name and headshot may be used for editorial purposes across our channels (including newsletters and social media).
11. If we wish to use a photo for promotional purposes (e.g. advertising, fundraising, health campaigns, education), we will seek permission from the entrant first. We may also choose not to use submitted materials.
12. Photos may be edited, combined with text or graphics, or otherwise adapted as needed. Copyright remains with the entrant, and we will credit photos under the name provided.
13. By submitting photos for the Competition (subject to clause 14), entrants grant Cancer Research UK an exclusive, worldwide, sub-licensable licence for the full duration of all rights in their entry. This licence allows us to use, publish, distribute, broadcast, display, copy, modify, and make the entry available in any media (including digital, online, print and social media) for marketing and promotional purposes. Entrants also irrevocably waive all moral rights in their entry and agree to sign any documents or take any steps reasonably required to confirm this licence.
14. By submitting photos, entrants confirm that they hold all necessary rights (including copyright) to grant the licence in clause 13. They also confirm that their entry and its use by us will comply with all applicable laws and do not infringe any third-party rights.
15. Entrants confirm they have obtained permission from anyone who helped create or appears in their entry. They also confirm that the entry:
 - (i) is original or includes third-party work only with written permission;
 - (ii) has not been used in any other promotion, competition or campaign;

- (iii) does not use any person's name, image or likeness without consent (proof may be requested);
 - (iv) does not include trademarks, logos, or copyrighted material without permission; and
 - (v) is free of third-party agreements, so we will not owe any payments for its use.
16. We will keep all photos and headshots for as long as we consider appropriate (usually 5 years). After that, photos may be stored for historical records, and we will seek permission before any further use.
17. Entrants may request at any time that we stop using their photos or headshots by emailing researcher.comments@cancer.org.uk. Once permission is withdrawn, photos will not be used in future but may still appear in existing publications or platforms already in circulation.
18. By submitting photos, entrants agree that we may collect, store and use their personal information. For details, see our privacy policy at www.cancerresearchuk.org/about-us/our-organisation/privacy-statement.
19. By taking part in the Competition, entrants agree to these Terms and Conditions (which we may update at any time), the rules of any platforms used (including X and LinkedIn) and our final decisions on all matters relating to the Competition and its results. No correspondence will be entered into.
20. By entering the Competition, entrants acknowledge it is not sponsored, endorsed or administered by X or LinkedIn and agree to release both platforms from any liability related to the Competition.
21. Entries must be submitted by the entrant personally. We may refuse or disqualify any entry if we reasonably believe the entrant has breached these Terms and Conditions or acted in a way that conflicts with the spirit of the Competition.
22. Except where caused by our negligence, we are not responsible for any damage, loss or injury arising from entry into the Competition. We accept no liability for entries that are lost, damaged, delayed, corrupted or not received due to technical issues or other reasons. Proof of sending does not guarantee receipt.



Nothing in these Terms and Conditions limits our liability for death or personal injury caused by our negligence or any other liability that cannot be limited by law.

23. We may modify, cancel or suspend the Competition at our discretion if it cannot be run as planned or if events beyond our control (such as viruses, technical failures, or unauthorized interferences) affects the Competition's administration, security, fairness or integrity.
24. These Terms and Conditions are governed by and construed in accordance with English and Welsh law. Entrants agree to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English and Welsh courts in respect of any dispute arising from them.