

Photo Contest Submission & Waiver Form

Submission Guidelines

The Faculty of Science holds an annual science photo contest to showcase the unique and amazing scientific adventures of Saint Mary's students, alumni, faculty and staff on campus and around the globe. This year's winning photographs will be showcased in the *2026 Science Calendar*.

ELIGIBILITY: The contest is open to all Saint Mary's students, staff, faculty, and alumni.

DEADLINE: All entries are due by 5:00 p.m. (AT) on **Monday, November 17, 2025**.

NUMBER OF ENTRIES: Participants may submit a maximum of 3 original photographs.

PHOTO CATEGORIES

Contest participants are invited to enter up to three original photos. Submit a photo from one or more of the following categories. We welcome photos from course work, research, your workplace; they can be local, national or international.

- **Science at work:** Photos that demonstrate participation in science (think experiments and fieldwork)
- **Scientific visualization:** Photos that illustrate a scientific concept, including computer- or microscope-generated images. Coursework is welcome!
- **Nature/Natural:** Photos of everyday situations or environments that demonstrate a scientific concept or subject. Science is everywhere!
- **Storytelling:** Using a series of photos arranged in a x:y aspect rectangle (so it fits the calendar's square shape), tell a story about the scientific method, or show an experiment, scientific principle or process.

SIZE & RESOLUTION: All entries must be a minimum of 300 dpi.

Please note: The photos will be cropped square to appear in the calendar.

How to Enter

1. Save your digital file(s) in JPEG format and name your file according to the following format:

FirstLastnameNumber.jpg

Example: JohnDoe1.jpg

2. Email your digital file and completed submission form to sciencecontest@smu.ca with your name in the subject line.
3. If your photos are too large to fit in one email, please indicate that you are submitting multiple entries by numbering your email subjects accordingly, or feel free to submit via OneDrive.
4. Attach your completed Submission & Waiver Form (electronic signatures are accepted).

THE FINE PRINT

Applicants must abide by the Science Photo Contest's Fine Print or their submission(s) will not be considered. If you have any questions about eligibility or the submission guidelines, please contact sciencecontest@smu.ca

1. Entries must be received by the contest deadline: Monday, November 17, 2025 at 5:00 pm AT.
2. Participants must not submit more than 3 photos.
3. Photos must be a minimum resolution of 300 dpi.
4. Photos must address one of the photo contest categories: Science at Work, Scientific Visualization, or Nature/Natural.
5. Photos that are lewd, obscene, defamatory, or libelous will not be considered.
6. Photos must not contain or reference any company names, products, or services. They also must not contain or reference any third-party trademarks, logos, or promotion of any brand, product, or service (besides Saint Mary's University or its sub brands).
7. Photos must not infringe upon or violate any laws or third-party rights, including (but not limited to) copyright, patent, trademark, or other proprietary rights and must not lead to any cause of action against Saint Mary's University, including libel, defamation, privacy violation, contract breach, or tort.
8. Applicants agree to hold Saint Mary's University harmless from and against any suits, claims, losses, damages, and expenses, including reasonable attorney fees that may arise from or in connection with the use or display of the applicant(s)' photo.
9. Applicants agree that Saint Mary's University has the freedom to distribute the photo to the public.
10. Saint Mary's University reserves the right to disqualify any application that it believes violates or potentially violates any of the aforementioned requirements or otherwise fails to comply with any provision of the official Rules and Fine Print. The decisions of Saint Mary's University on this and all matters pertaining to the Science Photo Contest shall be final and binding.

Applicant Information

Name:						
Address:						
Telephone:						
Email:						
Affiliation to Saint Mary's University (Select all that apply):						
☐ Student	☐ Staff	☐ Faculty	☐ Alumni	Year Graduated (optional) _____		
Your Degree program or Faculty:						
How did you hear about the Science Photo Contest? (Select all that apply):						
☐ Instagram	☐ Facebook	☐ Bluesky	☐ Poster	☐ Professor	☐ Website	☐ Friend
Other (specify): _____						

Photo Information

Title — Photo 1:
Where was the photo taken?
Description:

Title — Photo 2:
Where was the photo taken?
Description:

Title — Photo 3:
Where was the photo taken?
Description:

Waiver

All submissions to the Contest must be accompanied by a signed Submission and Waiver form. By signing this waiver, you do not relinquish your right to use your photograph in the future. By submitting a photograph(s) to the Contest and by signing this waiver, you grant Saint Mary's University and/or its representatives unrestricted permission to use and publish your submitted photograph(s), without restriction as to colour, style, size, etc. You also relinquish any right to examine and approve any product or material (printed or otherwise) that includes your photograph(s).

I, _____, have read and fully understand the above waiver.

Date: _____ Signature _____

Submit this form and your photos to: sciencecontest@smu.ca