



## AIMS 2026 Microscopy Image Contest!

Images may be submitted in the category of **Scientific Based Image**. All images submitted must use some type of microscopy.

**Scientific Images:** Must adhere to the standard requirements for publication in a peer reviewed scientific journal.

- Images should be minimally post-processed.
- Adjustments in brightness, contrast, color balance are allowed as long as they are applied consistently across the entire image.
- No component or region of an image may be obscured, enhanced, added, or removed.
- Composite images are not allowed.
- Images may not be manipulated in any way that would alter interpretation of the original data.
- No filters of any kind may be applied.

**Prizes:** Prizes will be awarded in each category. **1<sup>st</sup> place** = \$100, **2<sup>nd</sup> place** = \$50, **People's Choice** = \$25.

The People's Choice award will be determined by live voting during the AIMS annual meeting. First and Second place winning images will not be eligible for People's Choice awards.

**Submission:** Upload up to 3 images to each category in .jpg, .png, or .tiff format on or before **April 10, 2026**. Images should be at the highest resolution available but should not exceed 500 MB file size.

Judges' decisions are binding and final.

Submitted images must be the original work of the participant and the participant must have the authority to submit the images to the competition.

Participants must be an Arizona resident or attend an Arizona academic institution.

By submitting an image, the participant grants the Arizona Imaging and Microanalysis Society the right to use the image for promotional or advertising purposes.

**Submit your images** at: <https://tinyurl.com/2026AIMSImageContestSubmission>

**Register for the AIMS Conference:** <https://azmicroscopy.org/register-for-conference/>