Call for Submissions to the Image of Research Competition 2021-2022

What is it?

The *Image of Research at Illinois State* competition invites Illinois State University student researchers to create or capture one compelling static image of their research to share with the public along with a brief narrative (150 words maximum) that explains how the image relates to their research.

The competition gives students the opportunity to engage creatively with their research, share behind-the-scenes views of their research processes, or portray their scholarship in visual form.

Static images may take any form, including photographs, drawings, or digital creations.

All entries will be evaluated by a jury. Finalists will be included in pop-up exhibit and reception, *February 3, 2021, 4-6pm*; will receive monetary awards of up to $200; and be featured in a number of events on campus including recognition at the spring University Research Reception.

Image of Research at Illinois State is sponsored by the Office of Student Research, The Graduate School, Milner Library, and University Galleries.

Interested, but not sure where to start?

Students planning to submit an image should take advantage of three workshops:

Oct 13 – "What Makes an Image Compelling?" Artists and designers will discuss previous Image of Research submissions pointing out compelling aspects of composition, light, color, and movement. Wednesday Oct

Oct 27 – "Writing Your Abstract for the Image of Research Competition" Come with a draft and we will help you revise, proof-read, and polish! In person. Schroeder Hall Rm 396

Nov 3 – "Formatting Your Image" Are you sure your image is formatted correctly? Need a bigger file? Need to crop? Need to adjust the color? OSR GA will help you use Adobe Photoshop to adjust your image. Please sure to request

Eligibility

Who is eligible to enter?

All Illinois State students who are registered during the Fall 2021 term and are in good academic standing may submit an entry. Each person may only submit one entry. Only individual entries

are allowed (no groups). Each submission must include a faculty sponsor. Students are responsible for submitting their own work.

Guidelines for Entries

What should I submit?

Your submission will consist of one static image and a brief narrative.

The image you submit may represent your research either concretely or abstractly. It should be visually interesting so that it captures viewers' attention. The image must be submitted as a digital file that meets the following criteria.

- Maximum file size of 50 MB
- Minimum resolution of 300 ppi.
- Image must be at least 10 inches on the longest end.
- Image must be in TIFF, JPEG, or JPEG2 format

The image must be accompanied by a jargon-free narrative that clearly communicates the connection between your image and your research. Explain how the image captures or reflects your research topic, process, or results. Describe why the image is significant to your work.

Note that the entrant must be the principal creator of the image.

Does your submission contain imagery or material that you took from another source? If so, you must ensure that your use of that material (called "third-party content") does not violate copyright laws. If the image you submit does contains third-party content, it might still be allowed if it has been altered and mixed with other content to form an original creation. However, the submission of an unaltered third-party image is not permitted. Any use of images or materials that are under copyright by a third party must either fall under fair use or the entrant must obtain the relevant permissions and signed release forms. These forms will be held by the Office of Student Research. If you use third party content, or are unsure, you must discuss your submission with OSR before it is accepted.

How will the winners be determined and when will they be announced?

Entries will be judged by a multidisciplinary panel for:

- Visual Impact
- Originality
- Connection between image, text, and research

Finalists will be announced early Spring 2022 semester. Winners will be announced at the Finalists' Exhibit and Reception, Thurs, February 3, 4-6pm at University Galleries.

The Peoples' Choice Award will be held during the Reception.

Awards

Winning entrants will receive a cash award. If you are an international student, please note that your award may be subject to tax withholding.

1st place Graduate Student $200
2nd place Graduate Student $150
Graduate Honorable Mention(s) $50
People's Choice Award $100

1st place Undergraduate Student $200
2nd place Undergraduate Student $150
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