

The Royal College of Pathologists Art of Pathology Competition 2024, kindly sponsored by Sonic Healthcare UK

Terms and Conditions

Categories and prizes

1. There will be three categories in the competition: under 11, 11–17, and adult (18 and over).
2. A £1000 prize will be awarded to one winner from the 11–17 category and one winner from the over 18 category. One winner from the under 11 category will receive £500 and another £500 will be awarded to their school.
3. There will also be two runners up prizes in each category. In the under-11 category, the runners up will receive £250, with an additional £250 awarded to their school. The runners up in the 11-17 and adult categories will receive £500.
4. The winning entries will be published on the RCPATH website and featured in the College magazine, The Bulletin. The winning artworks will also be exhibited at a future RCPATH event. The artwork will also be used by Sonic Healthcare UK to support their recruitment campaigns, and Sonic Healthcare UK may use images on their website and other promotional collateral.

How to enter

1. The competition closes at 23.59 BST on Friday 30 August 2024.
2. Only one submission per entrant is allowed.
3. We are only accepting online entries. These should be emailed to publicengagement@rcpath.org. Unfortunately, we cannot accept any postal entries.
4. Entries should be of a high resolution (at least 300 dpi) and should be submitted in JPEG, TIFF or PNG format, with no watermarks or signatures.
5. For three-dimensional entries, entrants should consider submitting a short high-resolution video of their artwork, as well as high resolution photographs (at least 300dpi) via email.
6. Each entry should be accompanied by the following information:
 - a. The entrant's name, category entering into, address, contact phone number and e-mail address.
 - b. The title of the artwork
 - c. A short description of 25-50 words to describe how the image relates to pathology and the inspiration behind it.
 - d. A short description of the medium/technique(s) used to create the artwork.

e. Under 11 entrants should also include the name and postal address of their school.

7. The theme (The Science Behind the Cure) is open to individual interpretation, but entries must have pathology at their heart. Information on the disciplines which encompass pathology can be found in the [careers section](#) of the website.

Eligibility

The competition is open to UK and international entrants. Employees of The Royal College of Pathologists, as well as their immediate families, are eligible to enter the competition and to have their photographs displayed online and in any physical exhibition of the artwork but are not eligible for the prize money.

Judging and notification

All entries will be judged by a panel of judges. The judges will select a shortlist of artworks for publication on the website which, in their opinion, best illustrate the theme of the competition. They will consider a range of factors including technical ability, originality, and interpretation of the brief.

Ownership of entries and publicity

All entries must be the original work of the entrant and must not infringe the rights of any other party. The entrants must be the sole owner of copyright in all photographs/artworks entered and must have obtained permission of any people featured in the entries or their parents/guardians if children under 16 are featured. Further, entrants must not have breached any laws when taking their photographs.

Entrants will retain copyright to the artworks they submit. By entering the competition all entrants grant to The Royal College of Pathologists the right to publish and exhibit their artworks in any of our publicity and on the website. No fees will be payable for any of the above uses. Entrants whose artworks are selected for the College exhibition also agree to take part in post-competition publicity. While we make every effort to credit artists, including in printed reproductions of their work, we cannot guarantee this.

Other terms

By entering, entrants will be deemed to have agreed to be bound by these rules and the competition organisers reserve the right to exclude any entry from the competition at any time and in its absolute discretion if the organisers have reason to believe an entrant has breached the rules.

The Royal College of Pathologists reserves the right to cancel this competition or alter any of the rules at any stage, if deemed necessary in its opinion, and if circumstances arise outside of its control.

If the winner is unable to be contacted after reasonable attempts have been made; the Royal College of Pathologists reserves the right either to offer the prize to a runner up, or to re-offer the prize in any future competition.

Please note, that any personal data collected in this competition will be kept only for the duration of the competition to notify winners, to send back art entries and to pay winners. All information will be kept in compliance with the College's [privacy policy](#).