

APPLICATION IMAGE COMPETITION ON ADVANCED NANO- & MICRO-FABRICATION

Terms and Conditions of Participation

- (1) This Application Image Competition on Advanced Nano- and Micro-Fabrication (hereinafter referred to as the «Competition») is organized by *Heidelberg Instruments Mikrotechnik GmbH*, Mittelgewannweg 27, 69123 Heidelberg (Federal Republic of Germany), hereinafter referred to as «Promoter». The Competition starts on September 1, 2022 and closes on February 28, 2023 (the «Competition Period»). The Promoter reserves the right at any time to cancel, modify or supersede the Competition (including altering prizes) if, in its reasonable opinion, the Competition is not capable of being conducted as specified.
- (2) The Competition is open to any users of products (the «Products») of either the Promoter or of Promoter's affiliate *Multiphoton Optics GmbH*, Würzburg, Federal Republic of Germany, hereinafter referred to as «Multiphoton» (any current or past products including VPG, DWL, MLA, μ PG, μ MLA, NanoFrazor & MPO 100).
- (3) Directors, employees, and agents of the Promoter or Multiphoton are excluded from participation. The Promoter reserves the right to exclude any person from participation in case of valid reasons, such as violation of these Terms and Conditions, or false or misleading statements in connection with the participation in this Competition. This competition is not open to participants from a country where this competition is prohibited, taxed, or otherwise restricted. In particular persons located in the Russian Federation or North Korea or persons acting for research groups located in those countries are ineligible to participate.
- (4) Participation in this Competition is free of charge and does not depend on the purchase of products from the Promoter or of the Promoter's affiliates or parent companies.
- (5) Participants may make multiple entries during the Competition Period. Entries received which are not submitted via the official entry method will not be accepted.
- (6) By entering this Competition all participants agree to be bound by these Terms and Conditions. The Promoter reserves the right to amend these Terms and Conditions. Any amendments will be published on the Promoter's website. The Terms and Conditions are subject to the laws of the Federal Republic of Germany.
- (7) The Promoter will nominate a committee consisting of five members for the decision to whom the prizes will be awarded. Prizes will not be awarded to natural persons but only to their

research group or employer. The decision to award a prize shall in particular be based on the illustrative quality of the media, the aesthetic and the technical quality of the images (accuracy, sharpness, resolution), the clarity and conciseness of the description of the application and its associated images, the creativity and the innovation of the application. Energy-saving and green environmental advantages of the application will also be taken into account. The nomination of the committee and the Promoter's decision are final and binding upon the participants. No correspondence will be entered into.

- (8) The participants who submitted images for which prizes are awarded will be notified by e-mail or using the other contact details provided to the Promoter within four weeks after the end of the Competition Period.
- (9) The three prizes are three vouchers with values as of Euro 5,000.00, Euro 3,000.00, and Euro 2,000.00 («Voucher»). The Voucher may be used for financial support of the working group or employer to which the participant belongs; such financial support may, in the Promoter's reasonable discretion and after consulting with the working group or employer, consist of a donation to the working group, financing of a scholarship of one or several students or the payment of travel costs the research group incurs with respect of research group members. Alternatively, and after consultation with the working group or the employer the value of a Voucher may be donated by the Promoter to a charity organization chosen by the participants; the Promoter reserves the right to reject a charity organization chosen by the participant if the choice reasonably conflicts with the interests of the Promoter. Vouchers not redeemed until end of the calendar year 2024 lose their value without any claim for compensation of the awardee.
- (10) In case of further questions on how to use a Voucher, the participants and/or working groups or the employer may contact the Promoter under competition@heidelberg-instruments.com.
- (11) The Voucher may not be redeemed for cash nor in the form of equipment or service purchase prices.
- (12) Submitted images and videos (collectively referred to as «images») must show some micro- or nanostructures created by using the above designed Products (not necessarily exclusively). Each application may be visualized by either up to five pictures and/or one video (max. duration of video shall not exceed three minutes). Each entry must be accompanied by a written description of the application showing its innovative and creative aspects which shall not exceed 250 words. Additionally, each submitted image must be accompanied by a written description which shall not exceed 50 words.
- (13) The images must not contain any materials owned or controlled by a third party or person for whom the participant has not obtained a license, must not infringe the copyright, trademark, moral rights, rights of privacy/publicity, or intellectual property rights of any person or entity. Images must not contain any personal identifying information. By submitting an image, the participant represents that the image conforms to these conditions and that the participant in particular has received all necessary approval and consent from its employer and/or the owner of the Product to submit the image and grant the rights as set forth in this Terms and Conditions. To be used appropriately, without being distorted, photographs must be submitted in .jpeg, .jpg, .png, .tif format at the highest resolution possible. Videos must be submitted in .avi, .mov or .mp4 format (720p or 1080p).

- (14) By participation in this Competition, participant agrees to grant to the Promoter and Multiphoton Optics a non-exclusive, royalty-free, irrevocable, global, and unlimited license to the submitted image(s) for any commercial or non-commercial purpose, including but not limited to publishing the submitted image(s) on social media, webpages, etc. also naming the participant as originator of the image(s). The author of the images, if they wish, will be identified when the images are used (e. g. name of participant and/or participant's institution).
- (15) The participant also agrees that the Promoter may edit, transform, or collate submitted image(s) with other images.
- (16) The Promoter will in connection with this Competition collect and process personal data. Personal data provided by individuals will only be used for the purpose of conducting this Competition and the other purposes as specified in the Terms and Conditions. More information about how the Promoter will process your personal data can be seen in [Data Protection - Heidelberg Instruments \(heidelberg-instruments.com\)](https://www.heidelberg-instruments.com/Data-Protection).

Moreover, in accordance with applicable law, each participant has the right to access, to rectify or to oppose to the use of the participant's personal data. For more information regarding privacy rights, and to exercise right of access, right of rectification or right of opposition or in case of privacy related questions, the Promoter may be contacted at the following e-mail address: datenschutz@himt.de.