CONTEST RULES
FIO 2017 STUDENT COMPETITION

Please read these Rules for the FIO 2017 Student Competition (“Contest”). Entries not complying with these rules are subject to disqualification.

1. Agreement to the Official Rules. By entering this Contest, you fully accept and agree to be bound by these Rules and the decisions of the Sponsor, which are final and binding in all matters relating to the Contest. Winning any prize is contingent upon fulfilling all requirements set forth herein.

2. Eligibility. The Contest is open only to those individuals or groups of individuals who (i) attend FIO 2017, (ii) submit an entry on or between the dates of 15 July 2017 and 1 September 2017 (the “Entry Period”), (iii) present their submission at FIO 2017, and (iv) are at least 18 years of age on the date of entry. Employees, directors, and officers of The Optical Society (OSA) and The OSA Foundation not eligible to enter. This Contest is void where prohibited by law.


4. Entry. An individual or group of individuals desiring to enter the contest must submit the contest materials and a completed submission form during the Entry Period and present their submission at FIO 2017 on 19 September 2017. Limitations: one (1) entry per person/group. In the event more than one entry is received from any one person or group, the first entry processed will be considered the only valid entry. In the event of a dispute, the Sponsor may require a potential winner to show proof of identity in order to claim the prize. The Sponsor is not liable for any entries that are lost, late, or misdirected for any reason, including technical or technological malfunction, other than Sponsor’s willful action or inaction. All entries become the property of the Sponsor and will not be acknowledged or returned.

5. Intellectual Property. By submitting an entry, all participants (i) represent and warrant that the entry is original to the participants and does not infringe on another’s intellectual property rights, including but not limited to copyright; (ii) agree to indemnify and hold harmless OSA, including its officers, directors and employees, for a breach of this warranty, and (iii) grant OSA a perpetual, non-exclusive, royalty-free, worldwide license to display, distribute, modify, sublicense, create derivative works from, and otherwise use winning submissions in any format or medium, without limitation, and for any purpose consistent with OSA’s nonprofit mission.

6. Winner Selection. Entries will be presented and judged at FIO 2017 on 19 September 2017. The entries will be judged by a panel of OSA members using the criteria detailed in the Contest materials, and the Contest winners and honorable mention entries will be selected from among all the eligible entries received. The winners will be announced onsite at FIO and also notified via e-mail on or around 26 September 2017. If a prize is refused, a prize notification is returned, or deemed undeliverable, or the potential winner is disqualified for any reason, the next highest scored entry will be awarded the prize. Except where prohibited by law, acceptance of the prize constitutes permission for Sponsor to use winners names, hometown, likeness, institutional affiliation, statements, and other information for promotional, advertising, and marketing purposes in any media throughout the world without additional prize, incentive, consideration,
consent or review; and upon request, winner will provide written consent to such use. No sensitive personal information of winner will be used.

7. **Prize.** First place entry will win a cash prize equivalent to $600USD. Second place entry will be awarded a cash prize equivalent to $500 USD. Third place will receive a cash prize equivalent to $400 USD. Two honorable mention entries will each receive a cash prize equivalent to $250 USD. Group winners must designate a single individual to receive the prize on behalf of the group.

8. **General Prize Restrictions.** Prize winners will be required to execute an Affidavit and Release form prior to the prize being released to such winner. The execution of the Affidavit and Release by a prize winner is an explicit condition to releasing said prize; refusal by a prize winner to execute the Affidavit and Release will result in disqualification, and a new winner will be selected in accordance with these Official Rules. Prize winners must take delivery of their prizes from the Sponsor within 60 days or the prize may be forfeited and awarded to an alternate winner. Sponsor will be responsible for costs of delivering the prize to winners’ residence or other address as provided by entrant. Prizes may not be transferred or assigned until after the winner(s) have complied with all obligations under these Official Rules. No prize substitutions may be made, except by Sponsor who reserves the right to substitute the prize in whole or in part with another prize of comparable or greater value if the intended prize is not available for any reason as determined by the Sponsor in its sole discretion. The prize winners will be responsible for all taxes (including but not limited to federal, state, local and/or income taxes) on the prize.

9. **General Conditions/Release.** By participating, you agree to release Sponsor and its directors, officers, agents, and employees from any and all liability for any claims, costs, injuries, losses, or damages of any kind related to your participation in Contest. Sponsor is not responsible for incorrect or inaccurate transcription of entry information, or for any human or other error, technical malfunctions, lost/delayed data or voice transmission, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, line failures of any telephone network, computer equipment, software, inability to access online service or Sponsor’s website or to complete a telephone call or facsimile transaction, or any other error or malfunction, or late, lost or misdirected mail, or any injury or damage to participant’s or any other person’s computer related to or resulting from participation in this Contest. The Sponsor reserves the right in its sole discretion to disqualify any suspect entry or entrant and/or to cancel, terminate, modify, or suspend the Contest.

10. **Disputes.** Any and all disputes, claims, and causes of action arising out of, or connected with, the Contest or any prize awarded shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action, and exclusively by the appropriate court located in the District of Columbia. All issues and questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation, and enforceability of these Official Rules, your rights and obligations, or the rights and obligations of Sponsor and its officers, directors, agents, and employees, including Administrator, shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to any choice of law or conflict of law rules that would cause the application of the laws of any jurisdiction other than the State of New York.

11. **Personal Information.** Information collected from Contest entrants is subject to OSA’s Privacy Statement, which can be found at [www.osa.org](http://www.osa.org).