

Polymer video competition



Frequently asked questions (FAQs)

VIDEO SUBMISSION AND REGISTRATION

1. When is the due date of the Video Competition?

The deadline for submitting your videos is the 31 of March 2024 at midnight (UTC).

2. What is the Prize? The prize depends on the category you submitted your video as: For the MONOMER category (high-school students), each team member gets a printed/signed certificate, a set of IUPAC goodies, and an invitation for a virtual presentation at a IUPAC or MACRO congress.

For both the MACROMOLECULE and POLYMER categories; you get a printed/signed certificate, a set of IUPAC goodies, an invitation as an IUPAC Young observer for a IUPAC or MACRO congress and a 1000 USD travel fund to attend the congress.

3. What happens if an individual wins a prize that is intended for multiple participants? Each participant will get a certificate and IUPAC goodies as long as they are registered in the submission form. However, for the Young observer invitation and travel fund; you will have to choose who will attend.

4. Are there any registration fees? There are no registration fees to take part in this competition.

5. Who is eligible to participate? The competition is open to high-school, undergraduate, master students, PhD candidates and early career researchers (less than 10 years after receiving a PhD). Teachers can take part as long as they are supervising a student/student group.

6. What are the submission rules? After creating your video, you must upload it on a video platform (like Youtube). Once the video is online, complete the registration form with all the required details : team name, category, institution/school name, number of participants, number of student participants, number of teachers involved in project, chosen video topic, IUPAC document used as reference, title of video, URL of video, e-mail of team representative. You can register your videos until the 31st of March 2024. The submission link will be deactivated after this date. Please check the different sections on the competition guidelines to ensure you abide by the rules.

7. Is this competition organised annually? This competition will be held until 2025, with one call per year.

8. Can my group be made up of people from different categories? No, all the members of each team have to be from the same category. With the exception that if you have a tutor/teacher to help you, they can be any age or belong to a different education level.

9. How many videos may I submit? Only one video per group can be submitted. A teacher/tutor can be involved in different videos from different teams. The person assigned as the team representative (e-mail contact) can only be associated to ONE video submission.

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VIDEO EVALUATION

- 1. How is the competition judged (criteria)?** The videos will be evaluated (out of 100%) according to their scientific content (40%), video structure (20%), production (technical quality) (10%), creativity/originality (15%) and impact (10%). The remaining 5% marks are related to the use of IUPAC sources, keeping with the 3 min time limit, inclusion of English subtitles, correct referencing and citations and keeping with the competition aim.
- 2. Where can I get resources that are royalty free?** You can find a list of useful links on the project website (in the description tab). Other support documents are also available here.
- 3. Do I have to include my university logo or IUPAC's logo, if yes, where do I get it from?** You can include your university logo if you wish, as long as it complies with your institution's graphic charter. If your video is one of the selected winners, we will include the IUPAC logo prior to uploading the video in our channel.
- 4. Will I be given feedback even if I didn't win?** All submissions will receive a feedback document by e-mail after the winners have been selected.
- 5. When will winners be announced?** The list of winners will be announced in April 2024. Depending on the number of entries this date might change, however we will do our best to ensure that the winners will have enough time to arrange their travel and visa applications (if needed).
- 6. How can I check on the submission progress?** You will receive a confirmation of submission by e-mail during the first week after the closing date.
- 7. Will I be disqualified if my video could not be viewed due to privacy issues or technical error?** No, as long as the judging panel can access the video. However, you might receive lower marks for the "impact". If we are unable to access your video we will contact you by e-mail to solve the issue.
- 8. Will I get penalised if my video does not have a title?** To submit your entry, you must fill in a form that requires you to include a video title. No video can be submitted without a title.
- 9. Any citation or referencing styles I should follow when using contents from the web/journals/media sources?** The APA referencing style is accepted. Other scientific journal styles are also OK.
- 10. Can my video be a montage of images rather than/in addition to me performing?** Yes, you are free to present as you wish as long as it complies with the stated rules and content expectations.
- 11. Any specific video formats to follow?** Your video must contain an intro and credit screens using the format provided in the supporting documents section (see project website). All videos must not be over 3 minutes long (from the intro to the credit screens). The video format must be recorded in landscape form with a minimum resolution of 720p (1080p recommended).

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TECHNICAL AND LEGAL ISSUES

- 1. Do I retain rights to my submitted video(s)?** Ownership of the underlying intellectual property of the video remains with the authors of the video, however the video(s) submitted to the competition will be shared under the CC-BY licence, where licensees may copy, distribute, display, perform and make derivative works and remixes based on it only if they give the author or licensor the credits (attribution) in the manner specified by these.
- 2. Can I publish on my social media after submitting?** Yes, you are encouraged to do so to increase the visibility and impact of your video.
- 3. Will you publish my video even if I don't win? Would I get royalties?** Some videos will be selected as runners-up and might be posted at a later date. By submitting the videos, the participants also grant IUPAC the right to use, reproduce, reprint, distribute, perform, and/or display the submitted video without further compensation or notification to the competition participants.
- 4. I'm late! Will you still accept my entry?** No, the submission link will be deactivated after the deadline on March 31st 2024.
- 5. I am having issues with the submission form, who should I contact?** You can e-mail the Project chair (L Sosa Vargas). Her contact details are on the project website.
- 6. I have other questions regarding the video competition, who should I reach out to?** You can e-mail the Project chair (L Sosa Vargas). You can also send us a DM on Twitter [@IUPACPolymer](https://twitter.com/IUPACPolymer)