MacDiarmid Institute Annual Symposium Video Contest 2022



This year for the MacDiarmid Institute Annual Symposium, there is a new challenge for the student and postdocs to take part in. In a video (no longer than 4 minutes), on the theme of *#MyResearchStory*, tell us about your research interests and, more importantly, its inspiration and goal. Tell your story simply and convincingly as you would to a non-science-background audience.

You can film yourself in your lab or work environment and show us how you perform your research, what machine and equipment you use and simply take us to your world and tell us what difference you are making, or what brings you a smile about your work. This contest is for all MacDiarmid affiliated students and postdocs regardless of what stage you are at. We just want to see what you do, where you work at and be connected with you. We highly encourage you all to participate in this contest, there are great prizes to be won in different categories, including one specifically for Masters and early year PhD students, more reasons for competing if you are early in your research career and you are scared to take part in the contest.

Winners will be chosen by the panel based on:

- Keeping to time (up to 4 minutes)
- A catchy and relevant title
- The clarity of the storyline in the video
- The communication of technical scientific concepts to a non-scientific audience (accessible to a broad age range)
- Innovation and creativity of the approach to the visual and audio presentation.

Important dates and voting

Submission deadline: Monday 10th of January 2022

Voting commences: Tuesday 11th of January 2022

Voting closes: Monday 24th of January 2022

There are two categories for voting, panel votes (chosen by a panel of judges) and people's choice (votes by members in the MacDiarmid Institute). Winners will be notified on Wednesday 26th of January 2022.

How to enter and competition rules

How to enter: The videos should be uploaded in MP4 format on Google drive or similar platforms and the link should be sent to <u>mi22.video.contest@gmail.com</u> by the submission deadline date with the file naming convention: **VideoContest_MI22_FirstName_Surname**. All the videos will be uploaded on MacDiarmid Institute Symposium Vimeo account and the link will be shared with the MacDiarmid Institute members to start voting on 11th of January 2022 after all the videos have been submitted. The voting will close on 24th of January 2022 and the winners will be notified accordingly.

Additional Rules Related to the Submission of Videos: By submitting any Video to the Contest, Participants hereby grant The MacDiarmid Institute for Advanced Materials and Nanotechnology (the MacDiarmid Institute) and its affiliates, subsidiaries, licensees and assigns, an irrevocable, perpetual, and royalty-free right to use, reproduce, edit, display, transmit, prepare derivative works of, modify, publish and otherwise make use of the submitted video in any media, whether now known or in the future created, throughout the world and for any purpose. In addition to other things, the rights granted to the MacDiarmid Institute include but are not limited to the right to censor, compress, edit, feature, caption, affix logos to, and otherwise alter or make use of the submitted video.

In addition, by submitting any video to the Site, participants represent and warrant that the submitted video or information does not and shall not infringe on any copyright or other right of any third party. Participant has the right to grant any rights and licenses granted to the MacDiarmid Institute herein, including but not limited to all necessary rights under copyright, free and clear of any claims or encumbrances. The MacDiarmid Institute may, but shall have no obligation to, post, display, or otherwise make publicly available any video submitted by you, and may, in its sole and unfettered discretion, remove, edit, modify or delete any portion of the video or information that you submit to the Site.

Privacy: Information provided to enter the contest will not be sold to third parties but may be shared as necessary for conducting and judging the contest or making use of the submitted video as permitted by these Official Rules. The MacDiarmid Institute, its affiliates, and companies supplying prizes (or parts thereof) in connection with this contest may from time-to-time contact entrants via email concerning the contest, and each entrant consents to receive such communications via email.

Automated Entries Prohibited: No mechanically reproduced, incomplete, forged, softwaregenerated or automated multiple entries will be accepted.

Release: Acceptance of a prize constitutes the prize winner's permission for the MacDiarmid Institute to use the prize winner's name and likeness for advertising and promotional purposes worldwide and in all forms of media in perpetuity without further compensation or authorization.