

Oxford Instruments Insight Awards Competition T&Cs

The promotor of the Oxford Instruments Insight Awards Competition (the “Promotion”) is Oxford Instruments plc of High Wycombe, Halifax Rd, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, HP12 3SE, UK (“we”, “our”, “us” or “OI”).

The contest is facilitated by ShortStack.com by Pancake Laboratories Inc of Reno, Nevada (the “Contest Facilitator”),

Who can enter

The Promotion is open from 00:00:01 BST 24 September 2026 until 23:59:59 BST 18 December 2026, to entrants aged 18 or over on the date of entry, except for individuals who are resident in Russia, Belarus, Iran, Sudan, North Korea, Syria, Cuba, Venezuela or Myanmar, who are not eligible to participate. All entries must be created using Oxford Instruments products or software.

OI employees, their families or agents, OI affiliated companies, or any other person connected with the Promotion may not enter.

We may ask you to confirm your eligibility to enter.

By entering this Promotion, you agree to be bound by these terms and conditions and that our decision is final and binding in all matters relating to this Promotion. If you fail to comply with these terms and conditions your entry will automatically be void.

How to enter

You will require access to the internet to enter. It is your responsibility to ensure that your privacy settings are such that you can submit your entry.

You must submit your entry by visiting <https://www.oxinst.com/insight-awards>, selecting ‘Enter Now’, and completing the relevant submission form for the category you wish to enter. Entries must be submitted in accordance with the instructions on the website. t

For the Insight Awards, entries must include all required form fields and must clearly state the Oxford Instruments technology used to acquire or visualise the image, video or spectra.

For the Application Awards, entries must be submitted in PDF format via the webform. Any supplementary information (if applicable) must be uploaded at the same time. All applications must be written in English. The use of an Oxford Instruments product must be clearly documented either within the “The Solution” section of the submission or through other supporting materials.

Entries may not be submitted from generic or shared email addresses, including but not limited to addresses beginning with “sales@”, “admin@”, “info@” or the similar. All entries must be submitted using an email address associated with a single identifiable individual.

Entrants should submit their entry to the category that most accurately reflects the subject matter of their submission. You may submit more than one entry; however, each entry must be submitted separately and must comply fully with these terms and conditions.

Only entries received within the times stated above will be eligible for entry. Any entries received after this period will not be entered into the Promotion.

By submitting an entry, you agree that:

1. the Promotor, together with its licensees, successors and assigns may use all or a part of your entry, including your name and address (city and state/province/territory), and the names, likenesses, photographs, voices and images of any person appearing in the entry, for advertising, trade, promotion and publicity purposes in any manner and in any medium now known or later developed, anywhere in the world and in perpetuity, without compensation, notice, consideration, review or approval; and
2. you will not receive payment now nor in the future for your entry or for granting the Promotor or the Contest Facilitator any of the rights described in these Promotion terms and conditions.

Prize

There are three prizes available for each award category. Subject to eligibility verification and full compliance with these terms and conditions, one winner will be selected for each prize tier within the Insight Awards and the Application Awards (each a “Prize”).

For the Insight Awards, the Prize for each winner is as follows:

- Gold Award Winner: £1,000
- Platinum Award Winner: £800
- Bronze Award Winner: £600

For the Application Awards, the Prize for each winner is as follows:

- Gold Award Winner: £1,500
- Platinum Award Winner: £1,250
- Bronze Award Winner: £1,000

Each winner will receive an e-voucher applicable in their region for the value above, or an equivalent amount converted into local currency using the exchange rate applicable on the date the Prize is issued. All Prize values are stated in pounds sterling (GBP). No cash alternative will be offered unless required by applicable law or at our sole discretion. The Prize must be accepted as offered, is non-transferable and subject to availability.

OI reserves the right to exchange the Prize for an alternative item of equivalent value.

OI will donate £10 to a STEM charity in respect of each of the first 100 eligible submissions received, subject to a maximum aggregate donation of £1,000. Eligibility of submissions shall be determined by the Promoter in its sole discretion.

The winner(s) will be chosen by a panel of Oxford Instruments’ senior product management and/or applications scientists from those people who have correctly entered the Promotion. The panel’s decision is final. and no correspondence will be entered into. The winner(s) will be announced on www.oxinst.com/Insight-awards and on Oxford Instruments’ social media in January 2027.

The winner(s) will be notified by email on or before 31 January 2027 and the winner(s) will be asked to respond to that email to arrange their Prize. The winner(s) will be required to share personal details to ensure the Prize can be delivered. If the winner(s) does not respond within two weeks following notification, we reserve the right to select an alternative entrant to receive the Prize.

Rules for entry

You may only enter the Promotion as set out in the 'How to enter' section of these terms and conditions. No purchase is necessary.

By submitting an entry, you confirm that:

1. You have read, understood and agree to be bound by the Contest Facilitator's Terms of Service, available at <https://www.shortstack.com/terms-and-conditions/> as amended from time to time. These terms apply only to entries submitted for the Insight Awards, which are facilitated by the Contest Facilitator.
2. Your entry is your own original work, and you have not included any third-party content (including text, graphics, artwork, logos, photographs, likenesses, musical recordings, video clips or other copyrighted material) without obtaining all necessary permissions.
3. Your entry, and the Promoter's and Contest Facilitator's use of it, will not infringe or violate the rights of any third party, including without limitation, rights relating to copyright, trademarks, patents, trade secrets, privacy, publicity, defamation, confidentiality or any contractual rights.
4. You hold all rights, licences, permissions and consents necessary to submit the entry and to grant the Promoter and the Contest Facilitator the rights described in these terms and conditions.
5. All individuals involved in the creation of the entry, or who appear in it in any way, have given you their written consent to be included without any claim for payment, and have provided written permission for the use of their name, likeness, image or photograph. Where an individual is a minor who is not your child, you confirm that you have obtained written permission from their parent or legal guardian. You may be required to provide evidence of such permissions upon written request.

We will not pay any expenses incurred in connection with the Promotion, including acceptance and use of the Prize.

We may refuse to accept any entry at our absolute discretion. Incomplete, bulk, automated and third-party entries will be disqualified.

We may alter, amend or withdraw this Promotion without prior notice, if necessary, due to circumstances outside our reasonable control.

We do not accept responsibility for (i) network, computer, hardware or software failures of any kind, which may restrict or delay the sending or receipt of your entry; (ii) any act or default of any third-party supplier, which is outside of our reasonable control.

We accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or disappointment suffered by any entrant resulting from entering this Promotion or by your acceptance of a prize, or any damage to your or another person's computer or mobile phone equipment as a consequence of downloading any material relating to this Promotion. Nothing will exclude our liability for death or personal injury resulting from our negligence.

Oxford Instruments acts as the data controller for all personal data submitted as part of the Promotion. Your personal data will be used solely for the purposes of administering the Promotion including verifying eligibility, communicating with entrants, judging entries and issuing the Prize(s). We will process your personal data in accordance with Oxford Instruments' Privacy Policy, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and all other applicable data protection laws.

This Promotion, including these terms and conditions, are governed by the laws of England and Wales and you submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts in relation to any dispute arising under or in connection with the Promotions and/or these terms and conditions.