

SOILS AND CROPS 2026 PHOTO CONTEST

Terms of Reference

Eligibility and Submission Requirements

1. The University of Saskatchewan (the “University”) Soils and Crops Photo Contest (the “Contest”) is open to all attendees and presenters of the 2026 Soils and Crops Conference.
2. Entrants may submit one image. Any subsequent submissions will not be considered. The submitted image must be owned by the entrant and entrant must hold the exclusive rights to distribute the image.
3. All images must depict Theme.
4. Contest organizers reserve the right to remove any submission from Contest which depicts or could be perceived to depict any conduct/practice which violates or contravenes standards and norms for the ethical conduct of research, any applicable policy of the University, or these Terms of Reference.
5. To qualify for entry to the Contest, images must:
 - a. Be high-resolution digital image files in PNG or JPG format;
 - b. Be at least 3130 pixels (26.5cm at 300ppi);
 - c. Be accompanied by a title and plain language description of what is depicted in the image (120 words, maximum of 900 characters);
 - d. Be accompanied by a completed *Submission and Waiver Form* (electronic signatures are acceptable);
 - e. Not depict any of the following:
 - i. Offensive language or symbols;
 - ii. Illegal or inappropriate activity;
 - iii. Information that could identify any individual;
 - iv. Nudity and/or sexual behaviour;
 - v. Advertisements or commercial messages;
 - vi. Any identifiable trade-marks, brands, or logos; or
 - vii. Any other content the University deems in its sole discretion to be objectionable or inappropriate.
6. If any person appears in an image, all such persons must have provided their permission for the image to be submitted to the Contest.
7. Entrants may submit their image, along with a completed *Submission and Waiver Form*, by email to soilsandcropsconference@gmail.com. Submissions will be accepted up until March 8, 2026 at 11:59pm CST.

Judging and Selection

8. All participants of the 2026 Soils and Crops Conference will be given an opportunity to vote for their top three favourite images, which will be selected based on the following criteria:
 - a. Aesthetic appeal of image;
 - b. Creativity;
 - c. Degree to which the image showcases the Theme;
 - d. Clarity and creativity of written description and title in conveying the Theme.
9. The winning images will be the three that receive the most votes from participants, and the winning entrants will be awarded a prize of approximately \$100 value.
10. The winning images will be announced at the 2026 Images of Soils and Crops Conference and may be displayed publicly along with its accompanying text both on campus and online, and may be displayed at future Soils and Crops Conferences.

Other Conditions

11. All copyright and title for submissions remains with the entrant. However, the entrant grants to the University a non-exclusive, royalty-free, sub-licensable, worldwide, perpetual license to use, copy, publish, and publicly display any image submitted as an entry to the Contest.
12. By signing the Submission and Waiver Form, the entrant consents to the submission of their image and agrees to abide by these Terms of Reference, and confirms they own all rights to the images submitted in the Contest.

Personal Information and Privacy

13. The University will use personal information collected from entrants to administer the Contest and carry out promotional activities allowed by the license granted by these Terms of Reference. The University will not otherwise share personal information relating to the entrants with any third parties, except as may be required by law.

***Any questions about the Soils and Crops 2026 Photo Contest may be directed to:
soilsandcropsconference@gmail.com***

Submission and Waiver Form
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Entrant Information

Name:

City/town of residence:

Email:

Telephone:

Image Information

Image Title:

Location:

Image Description:

Submission and Waiver Form
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By signing this Submission and Waiver Form and entering the Contest, you declare:

1. You have complied with the Terms of Reference and meet the eligibility requirements;
2. You are the copyright owner of the submitted image and have the necessary rights, permissions, and/or licenses to submit the image to the Contest according to the Terms of Reference. This includes, but is not limited to, permission from any identifiable human subject depicted, and/or permission from publishers, funding agencies, or researcher partners who have been involved in the image provided.

You grant to the University of Saskatchewan a non-exclusive, royalty-free, sub-licensable, worldwide, perpetual license to:

1. Use, copy, publish, and publicly display any image you submit as an entry to the Contest (including any title and description you have included with your image) for any purpose, without restriction as to colour, style, size, etc.; and
2. Use your name, city/town of residence, and/or any image title/description provided by you in connection with your entry.

You acknowledge the University will make every effort to include your name with the image you submit whenever it is used, but that the University reserves the right to use the image without credit when and wherever deemed appropriate.

Name:

Date:

Signature:
