2026 UQ Science Ambassador Mini Scientist Photo Competition

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The University of Queensland (UQ) Faculty of Science is conducting '2026 UQ Science Ambassador Mini Scientist Photo Competition' (Promotion). The terms and conditions for the Promotion are set out below.

1. ENTRY PERIOD:

The entry period for entry into the Promotion commences at 9.00am (QLD time) Thursday 4 June 2026 and closes at 5.00pm (QLD time) Wednesday 29 July 2026.

2. ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible to enter the Promotion a person must:

a) be a nominated UQ Science Ambassador school.
b) must have previously submitted an expression of interest to enter the competition by Wednesday 29 July 2026.
c) must not be a UQ employee or a member of the immediate family of such an employee.

UQ will have the right to exclude from the Promotion entries which do not meet those eligibility requirements, and which do not meet the method of entry requirements below. Entrants, in entering the Promotion, warrant that they are an eligible entrant. UQ assumes no responsibility for lost or late entries.

3. HOW TO ENTER

Eligible entrants wishing to enter the Promotion must:

a) Review the terms and conditions of the Promotion provided via the 2026 UQ Science Ambassador: Mini Scientist Photo Competition website.
b) Have their ambassador teacher submit the selected photo of the USB shaped like a mini scientist, provided by the Science Ambassador Team, using the submission form that will open at 9.00am (QLD time) Thursday 4 June 2026 via the 2026 UQ Science Ambassador: Mini Scientist Photo Competition website.

4. SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- **Submission Method:** All entries must be submitted using the provided online form.
- **Photo File Requirements:** Upload the selected photo in JPG or PNG format, with a maximum file size of 15MB.

5. LIMIT ON ENTRIES

A maximum of **one entry per school** is permitted.

6. PRIZE SELECTION DATE

The prize selection will occur on Friday 31 July 2026.

7. PRIZE

Faculty of Science merchandise pack consisting of:

- 1 x tote bag,

- 1 x pencil case,
- 1 x set of sticky notes,
- 1 x UQ Pen,
- 12 x assorted seed starters,
- 1 x mini scientist.

8. SELECTION

Thirteen school winners will be chosen by the Faculty of Science Marketing and Communication and Future Students office based on the following criteria:

- **Scientific Creativity**: The originality and imagination in portraying the Mini Scientist in a science-related setting.
- **Educational Value**: The extent to which the entry contributes to learning about science, sparks curiosity, and communicates meaningful scientific concepts.
- **Caption and Communication**: The clarity and creativity in explaining the Mini Scientist's actions in an engaging and informative manner.

9. NOTIFICATION OF WINNER

UQ will notify the winners via email, after the prize winners are selected.

10. DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZE

a) The Prize will be mailed (or as otherwise agreed to by UQ) from the Faculty of Science office between the hours of 9am - 5pm on Friday 31 July 2026.

b) UQ reserves the right to satisfy itself that a winner was an eligible entrant (e.g. is a nominated 2026 UQ Science Ambassador school) before sending the Prize. If not satisfied, it reserves the right to re-award the Prize in question.

11. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Entrants confirm and promise that their entry is original and does not infringe the intellectual property rights of any third party. Entrants agree that the Promoter has an unrestricted, irrevocable, transferable, right and licence to use and modify their entry including for promotional purposes without the payment of any further fee or compensation or further reference to them, and that the Promoter can authorise other people to do any of these things. If requested by the Promoter, entrants agree to sign any further documentation required by the Promoter to give effect to this arrangement. To the extent permitted by law, entrants unconditionally and irrevocably consent to the Promoter modifying their entry as described in this clause, agree that the Promoter is not required to attribute entrants as author of the entry, and consent to any other act or omission that would otherwise infringe any moral rights in the entry. Only original, non-AI generated photos will be accepted. Video entries or QR codes will not be accepted and will lead to disqualification. Stock images or clip art will also lead to disqualification.

12. COPYRIGHTS AND USAGE RIGHTS

Entrants retain copyright over their submitted artwork. By entering the Mini Scientist competition, entrants grant the UQ Science Ambassador Program Team permission to display and publish the entries (or parts of them) on UQ's website, in marketing materials, on digital platforms (including social media), and for promotional purposes, with appropriate credit given to the creators. The UQ Science Ambassador Program also receives a perpetual, non-exclusive license to use photographs of the artwork for non-commercial purposes across all UQ Science Ambassador media, with proper acknowledgment of the artists and their schools.

13. PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY

UQ complies with Queensland privacy laws and guidelines. UQ only collects, stores, uses and discloses personal information in accordance with *The University of Queensland Privacy Policy* found at https://policies.uq.edu.au/document/view-current.php?id=4. UQ regards all information collected as confidential. Information supplied by entrants when entering the Promotion will only be used for the purposes of administering the draw, updating their contact details in the UQ database for continued communication and for any other purpose expressly provided for in these terms and conditions.

14. WITHDRAWAL FROM PROMOTION

Entrants may withdraw from the Promotion at any time before notification of the winners by notifying the Promoter via email to sciamb@uq.edu.au. If an entrant withdraws from the promotion, the Promoter will remove their entry and will not use their details or entry for media or promotional purposes. If an entrant withdraws from the promotion, they will no longer be eligible to win a prize.

15. RIGHT TO CANCEL COMPETITION

UQ reserves the right to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the promotion the Promotion if it has reasonable cause to do so.

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14. Entries which, in the opinion of the Promoter, are incomplete, incorrect or contain defamatory or offensive content or infringe intellectual property rights are not eligible to win and may be removed from the promotion and the relevant entrant will be disqualified.

15. The Promoter may, in its absolute discretion, disqualify entries if, in the opinion of the Promoter, entrants breach these Terms and Conditions, engage in dishonest or unethical conduct in relation to the promotion, manipulate, tamper or interfere with the conduct of the promotion, do not comply with the entry process, or conspire with others to gain an unfair advantage. The Promoter may investigate the matter if it suspects you of having engaged in such breach or conduct.

16. The Promoter is not responsible for any late, lost or misdirected entries.

17. The Promoter is not responsible for any delays, problems or technical malfunction of any telephone network or lines, computer systems, computer equipment or software, technical problems or traffic congestion on the internet or at any website, or any combination thereof, including any injury or damage to the entrant's or any other person's computer related to or resulting from entering this promotion. If such problems arise, then the Promoter may modify, cancel, terminate or suspend the promotion.

18. To the extent permitted by law, the Promoter is not liable for any loss, damage or injury whatsoever (including, but not limited to, indirect or consequential loss) resulting from this promotion.

19. All costs associated with entering the promotion are the responsibility of the entrant.