



TauSense Image Contest Entry Form (please use one form per image)

Please fill in the form completely and upload it together with your high-quality sample images (tiff format, at least 6.3 megapixels, 3000 x 2100 pixels, file size up to 12 MB) on our [upload page for this competition](#).

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What is the scientific question that was answered using TauSense? Please describe the application and the type of specimen, which fluorochrome(s), type of objective, and TauSense tool you used (max. 300 words):

We look forward to receiving your entries! Please note the FAQs and contest rules on the following pages.

FAQs and Rules

What is the TauSense Image competition? This is a competition held by Leica Microsystems for images taken with a STELLARIS confocal microscope and demonstrating the use of one of the TauSense tools.

When is the deadline? Images must be submitted by Tuesday, 9th November, 2021, no later than midnight in your local time zone.

Who can apply? The competition is open to owners and users of a STELLARIS 5 or STELLARIS 8 confocal system. Leica Microsystems employees (current and former) and their family members are not permitted to participate.

What types of images qualify? The image must be acquired with a STELLARIS confocal microscope and demonstrating the use of TauContrast, TauSeparation, or TauGating. All samples types and experimental setups are welcome.

How many images can each participant hand in? Each individual can participate with a maximum of three images.

What are the technical image requirements? All images must be in TIFF format and RGB color mode. The TIFF images should be at least 6.3 megapixels (3000 x 2100 pixels) and have a resolution of 300 dpi. Please only send images whose file size does not exceed 12 MB.

How are my images used? Leica Microsystems intends to publish the images and information describing them in promotional materials and on social media channels. Please make sure to fill out the Entry-PDF form for all images you submit. Only images that have been received with the entry form will be eligible for the competition.

COMPETITION RULES

The TauSense Image Competition ("Competition") is aimed to promote the use of the TauSense tools integrated in STELLARIS and promote the application of such tools in various research fields including neuroscience, cell biology, cancer biology, developmental biology, plant biology, microbiology, molecular biology, genomics, proteomics, biochemistry, biotechnology, pathology, virology, etc.

This Competition is sponsored by Leica Microsystems GmbH and is subject to German law. Leica Microsystems reserves the right to reasonably change, alter, or modify these rules and/or dates at any time without notice.

ELIGIBILITY

This Competition is open only to owners and users of a STELLARIS 5 or STELLARIS 8 system (located in any geography) and who are employed or otherwise engaged in the Life Science Research industry in a professional laboratory setting, unless prohibited by any applicable law. Employees, contractors, directors, and officers of Leica Microsystems GmbH or its affiliates (including those affiliated through their respective parent, subsidiary, and affiliated companies, dealers, distributors, and licensees; collectively, "Leica Parties"); local, state, or federal employees; employees of any Leica Microsystems Centers of Excellence; employees of any competitors of Leica Microsystems products, including but not limited to Olympus Corporation, Nikon Corporation, Carl Zeiss AG, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Keyence Corporation, Bio-Rad Laboratories, Bruker Corporation, Abberior Instruments, or any of their affiliates; and any agencies involved in the development and administration of the Competition, and those living in the same households of each, are not eligible to enter or win. All rules outlined in the Competition Application must be adhered to (including, e.g., word limits); the failure to do so may result in ineligibility. Any questions of eligibility will be determined by Leica Microsystems in its sole reasonable discretion.

COMPETITION PERIOD

The Competition will begin on 15th of October 2021 at 8:00 am CET and end on 10th of November at 6:00 pm CET. Submissions need to take place by 9th of November or before. Any submissions after this time will not be eligible to win an award. Leica Microsystems' clock is the official clock for this Competition.

The Award will be distributed after the close of the Competition, consistent with the result, and may be subject to further agreement between the Awardee and Leica Microsystems, as needed.

CONDITIONS OF APPLICATION

Each end-user or institution must submit prior to the Competition period an image generated with one of the TauSense tools integrated in the STELLARIS system and a short paragraph (see the table above) explaining how using TauSense helped with their confocal imaging. The image and information will be submitted via an application landing page, where the contestant will also be asked to submit their contact details.

By submitting an image entry, each applicant represents and warrants that: (i) he or she owns or otherwise has the requisite right to submit the information contained within the entry; (ii) the work described in the entry represents the original work of the applicant and has not been copied in whole or in part from any other work; (iii) the entry does not violate or infringe any copyright, trademark/tradename, or other

proprietary right of any person or institution; (iv) the Competition application is the sole and exclusive property of the applicant; (v) publication of the image on websites and social media pages, use at a Leica event or any other manner permitted hereunder will not infringe on the rights of any third party; and (vi) applicant will indemnify and hold harmless Leica Parties from any claims arising out of the Leica Parties' use of the Competition applications as authorized hereunder.

By submitting a contest entry, applicant hereby grants to Leica Microsystems a royalty free, irrevocable, perpetual, and worldwide license to use and display the entry or any portions of it on Leica social media pages and websites, at a Leica event, or for any other promotional or educational purposes as Leica Microsystems so directs, without compensation of any kind or further notice to or approval from participant or any third party; provided, however, that any use of applicant's affiliated company or institution (including any trademarks related thereto) will be subject to prior approval from said company or institution before Leica Microsystems' use. Subject to the rights granted to Leica Microsystems, all applicants retain all copyright and other intellectual property contained in the Competition application.

By submitting an entry, applicant agrees and acknowledges that his or her application is gratuitous and made without restriction, and will not place Leica Microsystems under any obligation and that Leica Microsystems is free to use or otherwise disclose the contents of the entry on a non-confidential basis to anyone, or otherwise use the images without any additional compensation to applicant. Applicant acknowledges that, by acceptance of your submission, Leica Microsystems does not waive any rights to use similar or related ideas previously known to Leica Microsystems, or developed by its employees, or obtained from sources other than applicant. By submitting a Competition application, applicant acknowledges that Leica Microsystems has no obligation to use or post any Competition application or to respond to any applicant in any way.

Finally, by submitting an entry, applicant acknowledges and agrees that applicant's participation is not and is not intended to be conditioned on any past, present, or future promise to purchase any Leica product or to recommend such present or future purchase.

In the event there is a discrepancy or inconsistency between any disclosures or other statements contained in any Competition materials and these Competition Rules, the Competition Rules shall control.

JUDGING, VERIFICATION, AND AWARDEE SELECTION

Three image entries will be chosen as the contest winners by public voting. The contest participants who submitted the winning images can select a charity where Leica Microsystems will make a donation.

All submissions will be preliminarily evaluated by Leica employees to assess eligibility with these Competition Rules and the general scientific value of the Competition application. Only the Awardees will be notified; no additional information will be provided to any applicant after submission except for verification of Leica Microsystems' receipt of Competition application upon request.

In the case of a tie, those submissions will be evaluated according to the original criteria by a new independent panel of judges selected by Leica Microsystems, each of whom was not involved in the initial voting process. The submission with the highest cumulative score by the new panel will be declared the awardee.

By participating, applicants agree to these Competition Rules.

The potential winners will be notified on or around 12/2/21 if a donation will be made to the charity of their choice using the contact information provided in this application. The potential winners must sign and return any paperwork required by Leica Microsystems, including the charity chosen for the donation receipt and reason for the selection. If a potential winner cannot be reached or fails to respond to any notification attempt within the time-period specified by Leica Microsystems, or if any attempted notification is returned as undeliverable, they may be disqualified, and an alternate potential winner may be selected. The Awardee will be announced on or around 12/6/21.

AWARD

"Award":
1st prize: donation of \$1500 to a charity of the winner's choice
2nd prize: donation of \$1000 to a charity of the winner's choice
3rd prize: donation of \$500 to a charity of the winner's choice

The Awards will be directly donated to the chosen charity organizations by Leica Microsystems. The Award may not be redeemed for cash. Leica Microsystems reserves the right to reject the charity chosen by the winner, if the choice reasonably conflicts with Leica Microsystems' interests. If the Award, or any portion thereof, cannot be granted for any reason, Leica Microsystems reserves the right to donate to a charity of their choice, subject to the same restrictions and conditions described above. Arrangements for delivery and related services related to the Award will be made after verification with the awardee.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

Leica Parties are not responsible for lost, late, misdirected, stolen, illegible, inaccurate, damaged, incomplete, or undeliverable e-mail or direct messages or Competition entries; or for any computer, telephone, satellite, cable, network, electronic or Internet hardware or software malfunctions, failures, connections, or availability or garbled, corrupt or jumbled transmissions, service provider/ Internet / website/ social media platform accessibility, availability, or traffic congestion, or any technical, mechanical, or typographical or other error, or unauthorized human intervention, or the incorrect capture of registration information, or the failure to capture, or loss of, any such information. Leica Parties are not responsible for any incorrect or inaccurate information, whether caused by any website users, tampering, hacking, or by any of the equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the Competition and assume no responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communications line failure, technical error, theft or destruction or unauthorized access to any website(s). Leica Parties are not responsible for any problem or technical malfunction of any telephone network or lines, computer systems, servers or providers, computer equipment or software on account of technical problems or traffic congestion on the internet or combination thereof, including injury or damage, whether personal or property, to participant's or to any person's computer related to or resulting from participating in the Competition and/or accepting the Award. If, for any reason, an application is confirmed to have been erroneously deleted, lost or otherwise destroyed, corrupted, or for any other reason not accepted as an application into the Competition, the applicant's sole remedy is to submit another application into the Competition. If, for any reason, the Competition is not capable of running as planned, including infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures, or any other causes beyond the control of Leica Microsystems which corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity, or proper conduct of the Competition, Leica Microsystems reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the Competition and/or proceed with the Competition, including the selection of the Awardee(s), in a manner it deems fair and reasonable, including the selection of the Awardee(s) from among eligible Competition Applications received prior to such cancellation, termination, modification or suspension. In case of dispute as to the identity of any applicant, entry will be declared made by the authorized account holder of the email address/handle submitted at time of entry. "Authorized Account Holder" is defined as the natural person who is assigned an email address/handle by an online service provider responsible for assigning email addresses/handles for the domain associated with the submitted email address/handle. Any potential Awardee may be requested to provide Leica Microsystems with proof that such potential Awardee is the authorized account holder of the email address/handle associated with the winning Competition Application. Applicants may not register or enter with multiple email addresses/handles nor may applicants use any other device or artifice to apply as multiple registrants. Any applicant who attempts to apply with multiple email addresses/handles under multiple identities or uses any device or artifice to enter multiple times will be disqualified and forfeits any and all Awards won, in Leica Microsystems' discretion. Competition Applications by automatic, programmed or like methods will be disqualified. Improper, incomplete, mutilated and illegible entries will be disqualified. This Competition is subject to all federal, state and local laws. Leica Microsystems reserves the right to disqualify any individual who tampers with the application process or the website, attempts to undermine the legitimate operation of the Competition by cheating, hacking, deception or other unfair playing practices (including the use of automated quick entry programs), intends to annoy, abuse, threaten or harass any other applicants or Leica Microsystems or otherwise acts in a disruptive manner.

PRIVACY POLICY

Please see Leica Microsystems' Privacy Policy, available at <https://www.leica-microsystems.com/company/privacy-policy> for details about Leica Microsystems' practices regarding the collection and use of personal information in connection with this Competition. By participating in this Competition, applicants hereby acknowledge that they have read and agree to Leica Microsystems' Privacy Policy, including Leica Microsystems' collection and usage of their personal information consistent therewith.