

BELMONT FORUM PHOTO COMPETITION - 2026

Held at the in-person plenary in Bangkok

1. Objective:

The Belmont Forum Photo Competition at the Belmont Forum in-person plenary in Bangkok aims to share and celebrate impactful transdisciplinary research, through imagery that shows real societal engagements and impact, whether that is supported through [Belmont Forum Collaborative Research Actions](#) (CRAs) or other initiatives.

2. Eligibility:

The Belmont Forum Photo Competition is open to a) project team members part of active or completed Collaborative Research Actions (CRAs), and to b) project team members involved in research funded by the [Global Development Network](#) (GDN) and [EPIC-N](#); and c) project team members part of transdisciplinary societally relevant research funded by other parties. Our goal is to create a space for transdisciplinary teams to showcase and celebrate their research impacts at the Belmont Forum in-person plenary in Bangkok this June and July (2026) and through other virtual/in-person opportunities beyond.

During the exhibition in Bangkok, the best, most meaningful, and most impactful images will be voted on. They will be judged based on originality, composition, artistic merit, and an inspiring description of the scene and the situation. The entry should accomplish one (or more) of the following criteria:

- Illustrate the impact of the project
- Show how transdisciplinarity is applied in the project
- Demonstrate the integration of different ways of knowing
- Show interested actors/stakeholders' engagement

Note that digitally altered photos (beyond standard optimization: cropping, spotting for dust, reasonable adjustments to exposure, color, and contrast, etc.) are not acceptable. Photos that violate or infringe upon another person's rights, including but not limited to copyright and photographs of persons without the necessary consent required by law in your jurisdiction, will also not be accepted. Artificial intelligence-generated media will not be considered.

3. Timeframe:

Call opening: May 18, 2026

Outreach: May-June

Call closing: June 18, 2026

Exhibition and judging: June 29 - July 2

4. Submission:

It is possible to submit multiple photos, but each photo must be submitted on a separate [form](#). Note that prizes are limited to one per person/image.

Please take into account that the description of the scene and the situation of the submitted photos will also be evaluated. Be sure you capture the meaning and impact of your photo. This will be used to describe the photo during the exhibit and may be used as a quote for Belmont Forum social media and communications.

5. Prizes:

- 1st winner: Scholarship for registration and 1000 \$USD to support in-person participation at the next SRI or SRI Regional
- 2nd winner: Scholarship for registration and 500 \$USD to support in-person participation at the next SRI or SRI Regional
- 3rd winner: Scholarship for registration for the next SRI or SRI Regional

6. Judging:

A panel of Belmont Forum members and the community will be able to score the photos. The composition of the panel will take into consideration gender, ethnic background, age, discipline, and geographic distribution to ensure a balanced mix and to minimize possibilities of bias.

7. Disclaimer for rights

Please consider adopting [Creative Commons Attribution \(CC BY\)](#) before submitting a photo to the competition. Using the Creative Commons Attribution (CC BY) license for your photo submission allows the Belmont Forum to share and adapt your work for communications and publicity, and ensures that credit is properly given. This maximizes the potential reach and impact of your research, increasing visibility and fostering collaboration within the scientific community and beyond.

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- **Publication:** Your images may be used in Belmont Forum publications, both print and digital.
- **Website:** Your work may be displayed on the official Belmont Forum website.
- **Social Media:** Your photos may be shared on Belmont Forum social media channels.
- **Annual Reports:** Your images may be included in Belmont Forum annual reports.
- **Other Marketing and Publicity:** Your work may be used in other Belmont Forum marketing and publicity materials.

We will always provide appropriate credit when using your work. This typically includes your name and, if applicable, the title of your photograph.

If you have any concerns about how your artwork may be used, please contact us before submitting it to the competition. We are happy to discuss any specific requests or restrictions you may have.

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