

Call for Video Contest: “Let’s Discover Female Scientists” - 2025 Edition

GENERAL RULES

A. Participants:

I. Students of both sexes are eligible to participate, as long as they are between 14 and 23 years of age (as of June 30 of the year of the competition), reside in an IANAS member country in Latin America or the Caribbean, and are interested in highlighting the work of Latin American and Caribbean women scientists and technologists, and their contributions in any field of knowledge.

If the student comes from a non-Spanish-speaking country in Latin America and the Caribbean, he/she may also participate as long as the videos are subtitled in Spanish.

II. Participation will be individual, in one of the following categories, according to age: A) 14 to 18 years old. B) 19 to 23 years old.

B. Competition

I. Participants must submit a video in mp4 format that must not exceed 3 minutes in length.

II. The video will highlight the importance of the scientific or technological work of a currently active scientist working in the country where the participant resides.

III. Each participant may submit only one video, which must be unreleased; that is, it must not have been previously published, divulged, exhibited (on YouTube platform or any other form) or awarded.

If the video makes use of published music or images, all such material must come from free libraries or, if applicable, must have the corresponding copyrights. If this requirement is not met, the video clip will be automatically disqualified.

C. Jury

I. The Jury will be composed of representatives from different Latin American and Caribbean Academies with the advice of professional experts in visual communication.

II. For each category (14 to 18 years old, and 19 to 23 years old) the Jury will determine a First Prize for the winning video of USD 600 and a Second Prize of USD 400.

III. The Jury may declare either or both prizes void and its decision will be final.

IV. The finalists from each country will be recognized by the Inter-American Network of Academies of Science (IANAS) with a diploma. Their video clips will be uploaded to the IANAS Women for Science (WfS) program website for wide dissemination.

D. Registration and submission of video clips

I. Those interested in participating must comply with each and every one of the general rules set forth in this Call for Entries.

II. Interested parties must upload the file with the video (in mp4 format) to an open access platform (e.g. Google Drive), making sure that such files have the corresponding access permissions.

III. The video file must be titled as follows: country code_contestant's last name.mp4 (for example: AR_Perez.mp4 for a contestant from Argentina with the last name Pérez).

IV. Once the link to the video file to share has been obtained, register it using the following form designed for this purpose: <https://forms.gle/48K5GWhydt4Hur5k6>

V. Participants must also send a pdf file to concursoianas@gmail.com containing the following information:

-Official identification of the applicant.

-Licenses for the use of third party materials, if used, and a letter, duly signed, authorizing the Inter-American Network of Academies of Science (IANAS) to use the video clip participating in the contest in activities for the promotion, encouragement or dissemination of science and technology, which will be developed on a non-profit basis.

E. General

I. Participation in the Contest implies acceptance of each and every one of these rules.

II. By participating in this Call for Entries, the participants accept that IANAS may disseminate their work in any media or format known and to be known, giving the corresponding credit.

III. Each participant in the Contest acknowledges and certifies that the videos submitted are of their complete authorship, for which they must respond to third parties for claims related to the ownership of copyright.

IV. Any matter not foreseen in this Call for Entries will be solved by the Women for Science (WfS) program of IANAS.

Inquiries should be directed to concursoianas@gmail.com

F. Calendar for the year 2025

I. The registration of participation, sending the required form and the video in mp4 format, along with the rest of the requested documentation in a pdf file must be done between May 12 and July 11, 2025.

II. The Jury will make a selection that will take place between July 14 and July 25, 2025.

III. The official announcement of the winning video clips (first and second place in each category) will be published on the IANAS website on August 8, 2025.