



Inter-American Network of Academies of Sciences (IANAS)

**Call - IANAS Women for Science Program
Video Contest “Let’s Discover Female Scientists”
2026 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, 2026), 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 (USD 600) and a Second Prize (USD 400) for the winning videos.

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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 Sciences (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.

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 (e.g. 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/VXuCBKWMsCiKR23W7>.

V. Participants must also send a .pdf file to ianas.secretariat@abc.org.br 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 the General Rules set forth in this Call.

II. By participating in this Call, 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 will be solved by the IANAS Women for Science (WfS) Program.

F. Calendar for the 2026 Edition

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 29 and July 10, 2026.

II. The Jury will make the official announcement of the winning video clips (first and second prizes in each category) in the IANAS website on July 31, 2026.

Inquiries must be directed to ianas.secretariat@abc.org.br.