

## **AAAS Kavli Science Journalism Awards Contest Rules**

1. **Description:** The AAAS Kavli Science Journalism Awards Contest (the “Contest”) begins on April 30, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. U.S. Eastern Time and the period for entering the Contest ends on August 1, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. U.S. Pacific Time (the “Entry Period”). By participating in the Contest, each entrant unconditionally accepts and agrees to comply with and abide by these Contest Rules and the decisions of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (“AAAS”) and its independent judging committees, which shall be final and binding in all respects. As outlined in more detail below, there will be two awards for each category, a Gold award worth \$5,000 and a Silver award worth \$3,500.

2. **Entry Fee:** There is no entry fee.

3. **Individual Eligibility:** Only individuals over the age of eighteen (18) years as of August 1, 2021 who are residing and located in a jurisdiction where the contest is lawful are eligible to enter. Employees of AAAS or The Kavli Foundation, or their affiliates, subsidiaries, suppliers, vendors and/or service providers, and their immediate family members or persons living in the same household are not eligible. The Contest is void where prohibited. Individual winners of the 2020 awards are not eligible, and individuals who have won a total of three times are no longer eligible.

4. **Eligible Publications:** The contest year is July 16, 2020 through July 15, 2021. Submitted publications (“Entries”) must have been originally published, broadcast, or posted online during the contest year. The awards are open to journalists doing work for independent news organizations around the globe. Print articles must be readily accessible to the public by subscription or newsstand sales. The following are not eligible for the AAAS Kavli awards: items published originally in AAAS publications or produced by AAAS; and items authored by employees of AAAS or The Kavli Foundation.

5. **Translation required:** If the submitted work was published or broadcast in a language other than English, you must provide an English translation. See the online FAQ for further discussion.

6. **How to Enter:** Entrants must complete all forms required to submit Entries. A story or series of stories may be entered in one category only. At their discretion, judges and AAAS staff may move entries between categories. Entry limit: Entrants may submit up to THREE entries in all (across one or more categories).

a. **Print/Online Entries: Science Reporting – Large Outlet:** Text pieces in print or online from large newspapers with a circulation of more than 150,000 (largest single day, including digital

subscriptions) and digital-only publications with a regional or national audience. Online-only news outlets with 50 or more staff employees are included in this category. An entry can include a themed series or up to three related or unrelated pieces. Total of 5,000 words or less.

**Science Reporting – Small Outlet:** Text pieces in print or online from small newspapers with circulation of 150,000 or less (largest single day, including digital subscriptions) and digital-only publications with a local audience. Online-only news outlets with fewer than 50 staff employees are included in this category. An entry can be a single story; submission of two or three related or unrelated pieces; or a themed series (submit no more than three parts for judging). Total of 5,000 words or less. **Science Reporting – In-Depth:** An entry of more than 5,000 words for a newspaper, magazine or online site. Entry can be a single story; submission of two or three related or unrelated pieces; or a themed series (submit no more than three parts for judging).

**Magazine:** Stories in print, on magazine websites or in digital-only magazines. An entry can be a single story; submission of two or three related or unrelated pieces; or a themed series (submit no more than three parts for judging). Total of no more than 5,000 words. Includes Sunday magazine sections of newspapers. For each **Print/Online** category, submit either online links or PDFs of the published stories. A PDF (up to 10MB in size) should show the name of the publication, author byline and date of publication. Stories submitted via online links can include multimedia content, including video, graphics and photos as well as text. The reader should be able to access all multimedia content via the provided link.

b. **Audio Entries** (radio or podcast): Entries may consist of either a single story; an entry of two or three unrelated stories; or a thematic series (submit no more than three parts of the series for judging). Submit a link to an MP3 file of the broadcast. The MP3 file must be freely accessible throughout the screening and judging period — August 1, 2021 to October 30, 2021 — either through an active URL or an archived link. Additionally, please upload a text transcript of the radio broadcast or podcast or submit a link where judges can read the transcript online. **NOTE:** For lengthy podcasts (i.e. more than 30 minutes), we prefer no more than two examples in all from a single entrant.

**Video Entries:** For television, cable or stand-alone online videos. Two categories: i. **Spot News/Feature Reporting:** A single segment or series not to exceed 20 minutes in total. ii. **In-Depth Reporting:** Programs or segments of more than 20 minutes. An eligible entry in either category may consist of a single story; two or three unrelated stories; or a thematic series (submit no more than three parts for judging); Submit links to the video files, which must be hosted on Vimeo, Dropbox or YouTube. Do not provide any other links that will require an automatic download. The video file must be **freely accessible** throughout the screening and judging period — August 1, 2021 to October 30, 2021 — either through an active URL or an archived link. Additionally, please upload a text transcript of the video or submit a link where judges can read the transcript online. **NOTE:** Stand-alone online videos should be submitted in the Video categories. Videos that are integral to an online text or multimedia package will be judged as part of such entries in the Print/Online categories.

**7. Children's Science News Entries:** This prize is for work distributed via any medium — print, broadcast or online. The prize recognizes excellence in reporting news on science for children, including young teens up to age 14. Entries will be accepted across all categories: Print/Online, Video and Audio. Please follow the relevant print, broadcast or online submission procedures and rules described above. As with other awards, entries may consist of an individual item, a series (with up to three segments submitted for judging), or a group of two or three unrelated items.

**8. Access to entries:** If an outlet has a pay wall or limited access (such as no more than five free stories per month), the entrant must provide password access for the story links or readable PDFs of the content. *Failure to provide accessible content during the screening and judging period (ending Oct. 30, 2021) will result in disqualification.*

**9. Deadline:** As noted above, all entries must be received during the Entry Period to be eligible. AAAS is not responsible for late, lost, or misdirected entries that are not received in a timely manner or are lost due to computer or electronic malfunction or other error, or due to inaccessibility of the Internet or portions thereof.

**10. Automated Entries Prohibited:** No mechanically reproduced, incomplete, forged, software-generated or automated multiple entries will be accepted.

**11. Representations:** By submitting any Entry to the Contest, entrants hereby represent and warrant that they (a) have the necessary rights to do so, and (b) are the author, creator, or producer (or co-author, co-creator, or co-producer, if so identified) of the Entry. Entrants further grant to AAAS and its affiliates, subsidiaries, licensees and assignees, permission to post files of the winning entries online at <https://sjawards.aaas.org>.

**12. Privacy:** Information provided to enter the Contest will not be sold to third parties but may be shared as may be necessary for the purposes of conducting and judging the Contest and awarding prizes. AAAS, its affiliates, and companies supplying prizes (or parts thereof) in connection with this Contest may from time to time contact entrants via email concerning the Contest, and each entrant consents to receiving such communications via email.

**13. Winner Selection:** Independent judging committees select the winning entries based on scientific accuracy, initiative, originality, clarity of interpretation, and value in fostering a better public understanding of science and its impact.

**14. Prize Details:** Two awards will be given in each of the Categories, a Gold award worth \$5,000 and a Silver award worth \$3,500. (One winner for each award also may receive reasonable travel, airport transfer, hotel, and per diem meal expenses to attend an awards ceremony in February 2022 if such ceremony is held on-site rather than virtually.) Winners shall be solely responsible for all taxes and fees or costs associated with any prize, including but not limited to any federal or state or other income tax. International winners of the award shall solely be responsible for obtaining any passports or other travel documents that may be required if the award ceremony is held on-site.

**15. Limitations of Liability:** AAAS assumes no liability, and shall not be liable, for typographical or other errors in the offer or administration of the Contest including, without limitation, errors in the printing or display of the offer and official rules, selection, notification and announcement of the Category Winners, or distribution of the prizes. AAAS is not responsible for any incorrect or inaccurate information, whether caused by internet users or by any of the equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the Contest and assumes no responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communications line failure, theft or destruction or unauthorized access to any systems associated with the Contest. Winners expressly agree that AAAS shall have no liability whatsoever concerning or in any way related to their travel.

**16. Release:** Acceptance of a prize constitutes the prize winner's permission for AAAS to use prize winner's name and likeness for advertising and/or promotional purposes worldwide and in all forms of media in perpetuity without further compensation or authorization. Participants agree that AAAS and its affiliates, and their officers, employees, agents and representatives (collectively, the "Sponsoring Entities"), shall not be responsible for any losses, damages or injuries of any kind resulting from participation in the Contest or from Participants' acceptance, receipt, possession and/or use or misuse of any prize. Participants also agree that the Sponsoring Entities have not made and shall not in any manner be liable for any warranty, guarantee, or representation, whether express or implied, with respect to any prize, including without limitation, the prize's quality or fitness for a particular purpose. AAAS reserves the right in its sole discretion to disqualify any individual who is found to be tampering with the entry process or the operation of the Contest or the Site, to be acting in violation of these Contest Rules, or who otherwise takes actions that do or are intended to disrupt or undermine the legitimate operation of the Contest. AAAS also reserves the right in its sole discretion to disqualify any entry containing any obscene, offensive or otherwise inappropriate comments or other matter.

**17. Governing Law:** All issues and questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation and enforceability of these Official Rules shall be governed and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of New York without regard to the choice of law provisions thereof.

**18. Names of Winners:** For the names of winners, refer to [sjawards.aaas.org](http://sjawards.aaas.org) or send, within six months from the end of the Entry Period, a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: SJA Contest Administrator, AAAS Office of Communications, 1200 New York Avenue NW, Washington DC 20005. Washington and Vermont residents may omit return postage.