

Announcing the LUQ LTER student art competition!

The GSRC aims to increase the sense of community, healthy competition, and creativity amongst our LUQ students. To this end, we are opening submissions for the **LUQ LTER STUDENT ART COMPETITION! The winner of the competition will receive a \$500 prize* towards research-related costs! Submissions will open from March 28th - April 25th, 2022.**

We believe that not only graduate students will benefit from this effort, but other students who have conducted work or research related to our site and that have experiences and interesting research topics to share. This activity will be visually engaging and will stimulate creativity and inform other students, non-students, and the broader audience through social media about the research and work being conducted at our site.

WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

Participants will submit images or artwork related to their work as part of the LUQ LTER with a short description of their work or research related to the site. To increase the breadth of allowed participants as well as engagement, we will allow images taken at the site, in a laboratory setting, models, artwork, and conceptual diagrams that represent the students' work, research topics, or methods at LUQ. A 250-character description should be submitted that details what is shown in the image and that is descriptive of the work/research the student is currently or has recently conducted at the site.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

All students who are currently enrolled in a higher education institution at any level of academic formation. Students with any past or present connection to the LUQ LTER for research, field, or laboratory work or as part of their dissertation chapters are encouraged to submit.

*WHAT IS THE PRIZE FOR WINNERS?

The LUQ LTER will reward winners with \$ 500.00 for research funds! Stipulated usage for the prize is research-related costs, including:

1. Analyses
2. Software
3. Supplies
4. Travel for research
5. Travel for conferences

Any other and all intended uses of the award will need to be approved by the University of Puerto Rico and MC. The winner should inform the LUQ LTER Management Committee about the intended use for this award and allow enough time for approval by the university. Please contact the GSRC with any questions.

HOW WILL WINNERS BE SELECTED?

The submission form will be used as the base for a voting form in which people who have access to the form link will be able to vote (once) for their favorite submission. The link will be shared through social media and email for everyone to vote. Thus, we will share both the submission form and the resulting voting form through Twitter, Instagram, and Email. Everyone will be able to share the link freely, to increase our outreach effort. After the submission and voting periods close, the submissions will be posted on our social media platforms along with the descriptions and identifying information and will be made available to the LUQ LTER for limited use. This will also aid the GSRC in its recruitment effort but will also establish an easily accessible way for the public to see the current work and creativity of our students.

SUBMISSION PLATFORM AND PUBLICATION OF SUBMISSIONS

Submissions will be accepted through the following

SUBMISSION FORM: <https://forms.gle/jjv15AhD3uDbD2my5>

After the competition winner is selected, the images and short descriptions will be published using Instagram and Twitter. Using google forms for the contest will guarantee fairness in the process. All submissions will be shown simultaneously, and all will remain posted for an equal amount of time. For non-google account users please send your submissions to mvega2@ncsu.edu. Please address any questions for the GSRC to the same email address.

WHEN?

Submissions will open on March 28th and will close on April 25th. Voters will have two weeks from the closing date of the submission form to select their favorite image.

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