

2026 TAAHC Photography Competition – Terms & Conditions

1. Promoter

The competition is conducted by the Tropical Australian Academic Health Centre (TAAHC).

2. Eligibility

- The competition is open to individuals aged 18 years and over.
- Entrants must be the original photographer and hold full copyright in the submitted images.
- Employees, board members, and contractors of TAAHC are eligible to enter unless otherwise advised.

3. Competition Purpose

The purpose of this competition is to create a high-quality photographic library that reflects regional, rural and remote health care, communities, and landscapes across tropical Australia within the TAAHCs partner boundaries*.

Images may be used to support TAAHC communications, including its website, annual report, and other publications.

4. Entry Period

Entries open on 2 March 2026 and close on the 31 December 2026. Late entries will not be accepted.

5. Entry Limits

- Entry is free.

6. Image Requirements

- Photographs must be taken within the TAAHCs partner boundaries, in tropical Queensland.
- Images may depict one or more of the following:
 - Regional, rural or remote health care settings
 - Health workers, services, education or research (where appropriate permissions are obtained)
 - Community life, wellbeing, and connection
 - Landscapes and environments from these regions
- Images must:
 - Be a minimum of 3000 pixels on the longest edge
 - Be submitted as PNG (.png) or JPEG (.jpg) files
 - Be colour or black and white
- Minor editing is permitted (e.g. cropping, exposure and colour correction).
- **AI-generated or heavily manipulated images are not permitted.**

7. People, Consent and Permissions

If a photograph includes identifiable people, the entrant confirms they have obtained informed consent for the image to be taken and used by TAAHC.

Images of children under 18 years require parental or guardian consent.

Entrants are responsible for obtaining permission for images taken on private property or in restricted locations (e.g. clinical settings).



8. Copyright and Image Use

- Entrants retain full copyright of their submitted images.
- By entering the competition, entrants grant TAAHC a perpetual, royalty-free, non-exclusive licence to use the images for:
 - TAAHC websites and digital platforms
 - Annual reports and strategic documents
 - Promotional, educational, and informational publications
 - Social media, presentations, and reports
- TAAHC may crop or resize images for formatting purposes but will not materially alter them.
- Photographers will be credited wherever reasonably practicable.

9. Judging

- Entries will be judged by a panel appointed by TAAHC.
- Judging criteria include:
 - Relevance to TAAHC's vision and purpose
 - Location is within TAAHCs Partner boundaries
 - Representation of regional, rural or remote health contexts
 - Technical quality and composition
 - Authenticity and storytelling
- All judging decisions are final.

10. Reward

Best photograph submission of the month will be highlighted on the TAAHC Website and social media.

Accepted photographs that pass judging criteria may be used in future promotional materials or formal documents, as outlined under '8. Copyright and Image Use'. TAAHC will also celebrate competition winners through internal reporting, the TAAHC Quarterly newsletter, via Partner Organisation networks and on social media.

11. Disqualification

TAAHC reserves the right to disqualify any entry that:

- Breaches these Terms & Conditions
- Is offensive, misleading, or unlawful
- Infringes the rights of any third party

12. Privacy

TAAHC collects personal information from entrants (including name, contact details and any information contained in submitted photographs) for the purpose of administering the competition and contacting entrants.

By entering, entrants consent to TAAHC handling their personal information in accordance with the Privacy Act 1988 and the TAAHC Privacy Policy available here: [Privacy | Tropical Australian Academic Health Centre](#)

Personal information will not be disclosed to third parties except as required to administer the competition or where the entrant has provided consent. TAAHC will store personal information securely and will take reasonable steps to protect it from misuse, loss, or unauthorised access.

13. Acceptance of Terms

Submission of an entry constitutes acceptance of these Terms & Conditions.

**** TAAHCs Partner boundaries - the region extends north from Mackay HHS boundaries, west to the Northern Territory border, and further north to the Torres Strait Islands, covering a vast and varied landscape across northern Queensland.***

