



Lights, camera, science

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ARTISTIC students handy with a camera will have to be quick to enter a new competition with a scientific twist.

The National Science Week initiative promotes the SCINEMA science film festival, which has been developed to bridge the gap between science and the arts.

This year's theme is biodiversity – the variety of all living things in a community interacting with one another.

Entries close on Friday.

The finalists' films will be shown to audiences in Australia, England and India.

The winner will also have the chance to take part in a research expedition with the CSIRO – Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation.

Festival director Cris Kennedy from the CSIRO is excited about viewing this year's entries from the country's aspiring film makers.

"Each year we receive such great films from throughout Australia," he said.

"We are very excited to see how our students will present the fascinating theme of biodiversity."

Students have been asked to create a short film up to five minutes long which incorporates themes dealing with space, biodiversity or the environment.

The three age groups of primary, secondary and tertiary entrants will receive rewards based on their humorous and technical skills.

For more information visit www.scinema.com.au.