All The Ohio State University students, staff, faculty, visiting scholars and alumni are invited to submit photos to the 2020 International Photography Competition. The competition opens August 25, 2020 and submissions are accepted until October 6, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. EST. All photographs must be the original work of the entrant, of high quality and taken outside of the United States. Photographers are invited to submit one photo in each category: People, Places and Arts & Culture.

A panel of judges chosen by the Office of International Affairs will select 40 photos based on artistic expression, creativity, originality, photo commentary and the quality of the image to be on display at our photo exhibition in the Ohio Union. A Best in Show winner will be selected and first, second and third place awards will be given in each of the three categories. There will also be People's Choice Awards for the photos that receive the highest votes via the Facebook voting phase.

**2020 International Photography Competition and Exhibition Rules**

1. All current students, faculty, staff, visiting scholars or alumni at The Ohio State University are eligible to participate, except for full-time staff within the Office of International Affairs.

2. The 2020 International Photography Competition has three phases:

   - **Submission phase:** August 25 – October 6, 2020 (11:59 p.m. EST)
   - **Judging phase:** October 10 – October 16, 2020
   - **People's Choice Online Voting Phase (Tentative):** October 23 – November 6, 2020 at 12 p.m. EST

3. Photographs must be:

   - the original work of the entrant
   - taken outside of the United States
   - of high quality
   - include photo summary commentary explaining story of the image
   - submitted via our [online submission form](#) before submission deadline (October 6, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. EST) – entries accepted starting August 25. Photographers must submit all their photos using one submission form.
   - an acceptable image type for the online submission form (jpg, gif and png)
   - no larger than 16MB and no smaller than 1MB
   - Note: images selected for the exhibition will be printed, displayed and framed as an 8"x10" image (submitted photos should be close to that aspect ratio)
4. Entrants may submit **one** photograph in each of the following categories (thus each photographer is limited to submitting three total photos):

   a. People  
   b. Places  
   c. Arts & Culture

5. By submitting a photo and reading and agreeing to the rules, entrants are agreeing to grant The Ohio State University and the Office of International Affairs use of the photographs in displays related to the contest and in other printed and electronic publications. Efforts will be made to credit the entrant when possible.

6. Judges from the Office of International Affairs will select 40 photos based on artistic expression, creativity, originality, photo commentary and the quality of the image to be on display at our photo exhibition in the Ohio Union. Photos chosen for the exhibition will be printed, displayed and framed as an 8"x10" image. The judges will also choose a first, second and third place entry for each category, which will be announced at the 2020 Photography Exhibition Reception.

7. If your photo is one of the 40 chosen for the exhibition, you will be notified via email. Your photo will then have the chance to win the People’s Choice Award through the Office of International Affairs Facebook page. All photos that made it to the exhibition will be posted in a categorized album on Facebook for you to share and encourage others to vote. The photo with the most likes from each category by November 6 at 12 noon (EST) will win People’s Choice.

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