

SDSU 2017 International Photo Contest

OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES

Contest Theme - Defying Imagination: Images that depict something that you did not expect, or that helped you imagine life in another context during your international experience

Submission Deadline - Monday, September 25, 2017 at 4:00 p.m PST.

Participant Eligibility

- Participants must be current SDSU students
- Photo must have been taken by the participant during an SDSU international experience.
 - Includes all faculty-led programs, SDSU exchange programs, CSU-IP programs, ISEP programs, independent program, foreign internships, volunteer, or work abroad.
 - Degree-seeking international students may also submit entries from their experiences abroad at SDSU.
- Each photo submission requires a narrative that explains how the photo connects to the contest theme and why the image holds meaning for the participant.
 - *(Narrative must be a minimum of 30 words and a maximum of 75 words)*
- SDSU employees are not eligible.

Number of Entries

- Each participant may submit either one or two photos
- Each submission must have its own narrative (min 30 words, max 75 words)

Submitting Photos and Narratives

- Participants must fill out the International Photo Contest application!
- <https://newscenter.sdsu.edu/dus/dusstudyabroad/photocontest.aspx>
- Email the photo to internationalphoto@mail.sdsu.edu .
 - This email must include:
 - 1) Participant's Full Name**
 - 2) Red ID number**
 - 3) Photo Location & type of SDSU Program**
 - 4) Title of Photo.** *(The photo's file name must be saved as your last name + submission entry number (1 or 2), for example "Smith1.jpg")*

Photo Requirements:

- Photos may be in color or black and white
- **Photos must be taken by the student submitting the entry and should NOT include the student in the photo (e.g. You cannot submit a "selfie").**
- Digital format is required. No print or film submissions will be accepted for entry into this contest.
- All digital files must be in JPEG (.jpg) format
- Resolution must be bigger than 500kb as all winning photographs will be enlarged to 8"x10".

Image Modifications

- Minor digital enhancement is permitted to the photo entry's color or black and white image, but images that have been significantly modified or appear unnatural will be disqualified.

- SDSU retains sole discretion as to what constitutes appropriate and inappropriate image modifications, based on the guidelines listed below.

Permitted Modifications:

- Cropping and rotation as necessary, as long as the rectangular format is maintained and the size is within the guidelines specifications.
- Resizing, as long as the aspect ratio is maintained
- Red-eye removal
- One-step enhancement (such as "AutoFix", "QuickFix", "Auto Levels", etc.)
- Filtering to sharpen, soften, blur, despeckle, or remove noise of the image as a uniform whole
- Corrective functions to improve the natural appearance of the image as a uniform whole, such as levels, contrast, brightness, curves, intensity, tone, hue, saturation, lightness, value, color balance, and tint

Not Permitted:

- No borders or frames may be added to images.
- No watermarks, signatures, or copyright notices may be added to images.
 - All winning images will be displayed with the photographer's name.
- No adding, subtracting, or replacing elements in an image.
- No use of artistic filters (different from the ones mentioned in "Permitted Modifications" above) permitted.
- No portions of the image may be significantly highlighted, enhanced, blurred, colorized or de-colorized, etc. as to make them purposefully stand out from the rest of the image.

Photo Subject Restrictions

- Photos must be appropriate for posting on a public university website.
- Obscene, provocative or otherwise questionable content will not be considered.
- SDSU retains sole discretion as to what constitutes inappropriate content.

Photographer/Copyright

- Entries must be submitted by the original photographer.
- Participants may not submit a photo taken by someone other than themselves.
- Each participant must be the sole owner of the copyright of their image(s) submitted.
- Submission of the photo, narrative, and entry form, is the participant's guarantee that they are the author and copyright holder of the photo.

Ownership/Use Rights

- Photographers retain the copyright to their photographs.
- By entering in the contest, participants agree to have their submitted photograph displayed at SDSU Family Weekend, on the SDSU website, and any other SDSU distribution materials without any fee or other form of compensation.
- Participants agree that SDSU may display winning photos in a "past winners" photo gallery, and may make and retain copies of the photograph for archival purposes.
- Photos will be credited to the photographer named in the entry form.
- Entries (including non-winning entries) may be selected for display or use on other SDSU web pages, without permission from the photographer.
- Entries will never be used by SDSU in any manner for sales.

- In the event that ownership of any photograph submitted to SDSU is contested in any manner, SDSU retains the discretion to disqualify the photograph in question, and discontinue use of the photograph.

Judging

- Entries will be judged on the basis of creativity, photographic quality, and effectiveness in conveying a narrative relationship to the theme: ***Defy Imagination.***
- Entries that fail to comply with the Official Contest Rules will be disqualified.
- An SDSU judging panel will select first place, second place, third place, and honorable mention winning photos, and decisions are final.
- In addition, a People's Choice Award will be determined by on-campus voting via the [SDSU Be International website](#) during the week after the contest deadline.

Winners

- Winners will be notified by email using the information on the entry form.
- Winning photographs, along with the photographer's name and narrative, will be displayed at SDSU Family Weekend, on the SDSU website, and in other SDSU distribution materials.
- Prizes will be awarded to first place, second place, third place and people's choice.

Additional Terms and Conditions

- SDSU is not responsible for:
 - (i) lost, misdirected, misplaced, illegible, unintelligible, incomplete, or late entries
 - (ii) any act, failure to act, or delay regarding the transmitting or processing of entries.
- SDSU reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to cancel or suspend all or any portion of this contest without notice if factors beyond SDSU's control, including technical difficulties, disrupt or corrupt the fair or secure administration or operation of the contest.
- SDSU is entitled to interpret these rules as needed and its decisions are final.
- SDSU reserves the right to disqualify any entrant that SDSU has reason to believe is not the original work of the entrant, or does not otherwise meet the contest rules.
- If a winner is disqualified or determined to be ineligible, an alternate winner will be selected using the same judging process/criteria described above.
- Alternate winners are subject to all requirements set forth in these Official Rules.
- By participating in the contest, participants agree to release and hold harmless SDSU and its employees, officers, affiliates, agents, and advertising and promotional agencies from any and all damages, injuries, claims, causes of actions, or losses of any kind resulting from participation in this contest, including infringement of intellectual property rights.
- SDSU and its employees, officers, affiliates, agents, and advertising and promotional agencies assume no responsibility or liability for any damages, injuries, claims, causes of actions, or losses of any kind arising in whole or in part from this contest.

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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES CHECKLIST

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Limit 2 submissions per person; one application required per photo

Completed online forms and emailed photos must be received no later than **Monday, September 25, 2017, at 4:00pm.**

Questions? Send an email to internationalphoto@mail.sdsu.edu