

## Press Release

### Sony World Photography Awards 2019 Open to Submissions until Deadlines in January



© Brittany Crossman, Canada, entry, Open, Natural World & Wildlife, 2019 Sony World Photography Awards (left). © Donald Yip, Australia, entry, Open, Travel, 2019 Sony World Photography Awards (right)

**Hong Kong, December 10, 2018** – The Sony World Photography Awards 2019 is open to photographers worldwide to enter Professional, Open and Youth competitions until deadlines in January. Submissions to these global and prestigious awards are free at [www.worldphoto.org/swpa](http://www.worldphoto.org/swpa). Alongside this, the World Photography Organisation, the creators of the awards, has released a new selection of entries to the 2019 Awards. Submitted by photographers from around the world, the images cover a wide variety of topics taken from the ten categories of the Open Competition, which is judged on a single image.

The internationally acclaimed Sony World Photography Awards are one of the most important fixtures on the global photographic calendar. Annually, the awards recognise the best contemporary photography from the past year and celebrate a wide variety of photographic genres.

#### Deadlines and Jury

The 2019 judges have been tasked to reward the very best contemporary photography from the past year across the following competitions:

Open - best single image across 10 categories

Youth - photographers aged 12-19, best single image answering a brief

National Award - best single image taken by a local photographer from 60+ countries and regions

**Deadline: January 4, 2019**

Professional - best series of works across 10 images

**Deadline: January 11, 2019**

The full list of competitions and categories can be found [here](#).

Full details about the 2019 jury can be found at [www.worldphoto.org/2019-judges](http://www.worldphoto.org/2019-judges)

### **Prizes and exhibition**

Prizes include \$25,000 (USD) for the *Photographer of the Year* and \$5,000 (USD) for the overall Open competition winner. All category winners will receive the latest Sony Digital Imaging equipment. The awards' winning and shortlisted images will once again be exhibited at Somerset House, London.

### **Future announcement dates**

- **February 5, 2019** - Open and Youth shortlists
- **February 26, 2019** - Open and National Awards winners
- **March 2019** - Outstanding Contribution to Photography revealed
- **April 2, 2019** - Professional and Student shortlists
- **April 17, 2019** - Photographer of the Year, Professional category winners and overall Open, Youth and Student winners

Images from the Open submissions can be downloaded at <https://press.worldphoto.org> and all entries are free at [www.worldphoto.org](http://www.worldphoto.org).

The full press release issued by the World Photography Organisation can be viewed [here](#).

### **About World Photography Organisation**

The World Photography Organisation is a global platform for photography initiatives. Working across up to 180 countries, our aim is to raise the level of conversation around photography by celebrating the best imagery and photographers on the planet. We pride ourselves on building lasting relationships with both individual photographers as well as our industry-leading partners around the world. The World Photography Organisation hosts a year-round portfolio of events including the **Sony World Photography Awards**, the world's largest photography competition, and **PHOTOFAIRS**, international art fairs dedicated to photography with destinations in Shanghai and San Francisco For more details see [www.worldphoto.org](http://www.worldphoto.org)

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