

MULTIPLE DISCIPLINES

AESTHETICA ART PRIZE 2026

DEADLINE

06 SEP 2026

ENTRIES CLOSED

POSTED	ENTRY FEE	ONLINE
22 Feb 2026	THE STANDARD ENTRY FEE IS £25 (RI...	VISIT ORGANIZER

DETAILS / KEEP FOR REFERENCE

SOURCE: GRAPHIC COMPETITIONS

The Aesthetica Art Prize 2026 is an internationally renowned contemporary art competition organised by Aesthetica Magazine, designed to celebrate innovation, originality and technical excellence across diverse artistic disciplines. Open to artists working in painting, photography, sculpture, installation, performance, video art and digital media, the prize provides a global platform for emerging and established practitioners alike. Recognised as a leading international art award, it attracts thousands of entries each year from creatives seeking professional exposure, critical recognition and career advancement within the contemporary art world.

Positioned at the intersection of creativity and cultural dialogue, the Aesthetica Art Prize champions work that reflects the social, political, environmental and technological realities of our time. It encourages artists to push conceptual boundaries, experiment with materials and processes, and engage audiences through thought-provoking visual narratives. By fostering artistic innovation and interdisciplinary practice, the prize contributes to ongoing conversations about the role of contemporary art in shaping global perspectives and challenging conventional frameworks.

Beyond the competition itself, the Aesthetica Art Prize offers a significant professional development opportunity through exhibition, publication and media visibility. Selected artists benefit from showcasing their work to international curators, collectors, gallery directors and art industry professionals, strengthening their presence in the global art market. With its strong reputation, international reach and commitment to supporting creative talent, the Aesthetica Art Prize 2026 stands as a key opportunity for artists seeking recognition, visibility and meaningful engagement within the contemporary arts sector.

Entry fee: The standard entry fee is £25 (rising to £35 for late entries between 1-6 September 2026).

ELIGIBILITY

Open to artists worldwide of any experience level and age, with a specific Emerging Prize category encouraging current students and recent graduates.

PRIZE

The prize awards a £10,000 Main Prize and a £1,000 Emerging Prize, with winners also gaining a group exhibition in a major public gallery, editorial coverage in Aesthetica Magazine and online, and profiles on the Aesthetica website; shortlisted and longlisted artists receive exhibition and publication opportunities that further visibility and career engagement.