

# IAFOR Documentary Photography Award 2018

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The international **IAFOR Documentary Photography Award** aims to promote and assist in the professional development of emerging documentary photographers and photojournalists.

The award is supported by the International Academic Forum (*IAFOR*) and builds off of the strength of the *IAFOR Documentary Film Award*. Documentary has a rich history of exposing truths, telling stories, raising awareness and creating discussion.

This year's competition theme is **“Fearful Futures”**.

As humans, we are not conditioned by fear alone, but instead by a remarkable ingenuity, and a capacity for hope, self-reflection, activism and action. This agency to improve our own lives, and those of others, is the theme of this year's *IAFOR Documentary Photography Award*, inviting us to consider the ways in which we contextualise and process the past, reimagining ourselves, our relationships, and our environments; driving positive change and reclaiming the future as a time we look towards with hope, and even optimism.

Each applicant may submit 10 to 20 images related to the award theme, either in the form of a photo-essay or as a collection of single images. Images should be saved at 3000 pixels on the longest edge.

The majority of images should have been made during 2017-2018. However, at the discretion of the judges, images made earlier than 2017 will be allowed if they form part of a photo-essay continued during 2017-2018.

**There is no entry fee.**

## Eligibility

Open worldwide to young photographers under 31 years old OR enrolled in part-time or full time education on *September 12, 2018*.

## Prize

The first place winner will receive a cash prize of **1,000 GBP** (approx. 1,280 USD), a grant of up to 500 USD towards airfare and accommodation, a scholarship to cover full conference registration fees for the IAFOR conference at which their work will be showcased, and a mentorship sessions from an experienced professional.

Winners will be announced during IAFOR's MediAsia conference in Tokyo, Japan.