**SDSU**

**2015 International Photo Contest**

**OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES**

**Submission Deadline:** Monday, September 21, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

**Participant Eligibility**
Participants must be current SDSU students. Photo must have been taken by participant as a SDSU student during an SDSU international experience. This includes all faculty-led programs, SDSU exchange programs, CSU-IP programs, ISEP programs, and independent programs. SDSU students who participated in foreign internship, volunteer, or work abroad programs are also eligible. Degree-seeking international students may also submit entries from their experiences abroad at SDSU. SDSU employees are not eligible. Along with the photo, students must submit a 50-word narrative that connects the photo to the contest theme, and explains why the image holds meaning for the student.

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**Number of Entries**
An individual may submit a maximum of two photos, each with a unique accompanying 50-word narrative. Each photo requires its own application.

**Submitting Photos and Narratives**
Participants must fill out the International Photo Contest application online at https://newscenter.sdsu.edu/dus/dusstudyabroad/photocontest.aspx and email the photo to internationalphoto@mail.sdsu.edu. This email must include: 1) Participant’s full name, 2) Red ID number, 3) photo location and 4) title of photo. Your photo’s file name must be saved as your last name + submission entry number (1 or 2), for example “Smith1.jpg”.

The narrative is a maximum of 50 words and must connect your photo to the theme:

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**Photo Requirements:**
1. Photos may be in color or black and white, following the guidelines listed below.
2. 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 “selfy”). The photo should be a reflection of what you, the photographer, is observing.
3. Digital format required. No print or film submissions will be accepted for entry into this contest.
4. All digital files must be in JPEG (.jpg) format, and the resolution must be at least 300 dots per inch (dpi). Since the photo(s) is submitted via email, the file size should stay between 5-7 megabytes (MB). All winning photographs will be enlarged to 8" x 10".

**Image Modifications**
Minor digital enhancement is permitted to your color or black and white image, but images that have been significantly modified or appear unnatural (or very different from what the naked eye sees when looking through the camera lens) will be disqualified. SDSU retains sole discretion as to what constitutes appropriate and inappropriate image modifications, based on the guidelines listed below.

*Permitted Modifications:*
- Images may be cropped and rotated as necessary as long as the rectangular format is maintained and the size is within the guidelines specifications.
- Images may be resized as long as the aspect ratio is maintained
- Red-eye removal
- One-step enhancement (such as "AutoFix", "QuickFix", "Auto Levels", etc.)
- Use of filters to sharpen, soften, blur, despeckle, or remove noise of the image as a uniform whole
- Use of 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.
- Adding, subtracting, or replacing elements in an image is not permitted.
- The use of artistic filters (different from the ones mentioned in “Permitted Modifications” above) are not permitted.
- Portions of the image may not 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. Do not submit a photo taken by someone other than you. You must be the sole owner of the copyright of any image submitted. Your submission of the photo, narrative, and entry form is your guarantee that you are the author and copyright holder of the photo.

Ownership/Use Rights
Photographers retain the copyright to their photographs. By entering in the contest, photographers 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, and 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: Experience Energy. An SDSU panel will judge the entries and all contest decisions are final. Entries that fail to comply with the Official Contest Rules will be disqualified.

Winners
Judges will select first place, second place, third place, and honorable mention winning photos. Winners will be notified by phone and 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 honorable mention.

Additional Terms and Conditions
SDSU is not responsible for: (i) lost, misdirected, misplaced, illegible, unintelligible, incomplete, or late entries or (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. Void where prohibited. 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, you 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 your 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.
Submission Guidelines Checklist

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- Photo submissions need to reflect the unique culture of your host community
- Each photo submission needs to include a narrative that connects your photo to the contest theme and explains why the particular cultural image or activity you have highlighted holds meaning for you. The narrative needs to be 50 words or less.
- Fill out the International Photo Contest application online at https://newscenter.sdsu.edu/dus/dusstudyabroad/photocontest.aspx
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- Limit 2 submissions per person; you must complete an application for each photo you wish to submit.
- Completed online forms and emailed photos must be received no later than Monday, September 21, 2015, at 4:00pm.

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