

AUA Photography Contest

Terms & Conditions

1. The Asian Universities Alliance (AUA) and Tsinghua Shenzhen International Graduate School (Tsinghua SIGS) reserve the right to modify, extend, shorten, suspend, or cancel the photography contest without notice and without liability incurred thereby (fortuitous event or “force majeure” and any other events that are considered as making it impossible for the execution of the photography contest as initially planned). No compensation will be awarded to the participants.
2. AUA and Tsinghua SIGS will not be responsible for any internet malfunction preventing access to the photo contest.
3. AUA and Tsinghua SIGS will automatically disqualify any participant who tries to increase his or her chances of winning by using technical means, known or unknown to date. AUA and Tsinghua SIGS hold the right to conduct audits of the methods used by the entrants to determine the consequences they deem appropriate.
4. **Fees and expenses:** Participation in the photography contest is free of charge. AUA and Tsinghua SIGS are not responsible for any expenses that the participants may incur in the creation and submission of the photograph.
5. **Data Protection:** The information provided by the participants may be used for data processing, excluding commercial or political use. The participants have the right to access, rectify, and remove data about themselves by making a formal request to the AUA or Tsinghua SIGS. Participants may request to be omitted or removed from the contest before the closing date of the contest via e-mail.
6. Each participant in the photography contest certifies that he or she is the sole copyright-holder of all submitted photographs and they are original to him/her. The participant bears sole responsibility for any disputes or claims in relation to the submitted photos.
7. The participant has the right to authorize the use of the photographs.
8. Each participant in the photography contest certifies that all submitted photographs do not violate or infringe on any existing copyright or any other third-party rights, including portrait and privacy rights, and contain nothing otherwise unlawful. The participant bears sole responsibility for any disputes or claims in relation to the submitted photos. If AUA or Tsinghua SIGS suffers damages because of such disputes or claims, the participant must compensate AUA or Tsinghua SIGS, whichever is applicable.

- 9. AUA and Tsinghua SIGS reserve the right to grant third parties the non-exclusive right to use competition photos free of charge.** By submitting a photo(s) to the photography contest, the participant authorizes its release (as well as the photographer's full name, pseudonym, school, city, and country of residence), in the framework of the AUA Photography Contest and its promotion, on the AUA and Tsinghua SIGS official websites, and those of its partners, as well as social media networks, on digital communication or media (newspapers, postcards, catalogs, books, posters, exhibitions, videos, etc.), or in publications related to the event by AUA or Tsinghua SIGS, without any form of compensation. Any other use of the photographs will be reported to the author, who is free to give or refuse consent for their use. **The photos will not be used for commercial purposes (sales to third parties) by AUA or Tsinghua SIGS unless authorized by the photographer.**
10. AUA and Tsinghua SIGS agree to include a credit (with the photographer's name) when his/her photograph is published or used for purposes of the contest or exhibition.
- 11. The participant agrees to indemnify AUA and Tsinghua SIGS and hold them harmless against any third-party claims for loss, injury, damage (including any legal costs and/or other expenses properly incurred), prejudice, liability or expense suffered as a result of or in any manner in connection with the contest submission, any other of the acts or omissions or any information provided, including but not limited to, claims for violation of copyrights.**
- 12. The participant grants the AUA and Tsinghua SIGS the right to use his or her name, photograph, image, or likeness in the context of any recording, presentation, video, speech, or other forms of publicity, in connection with the photography contest.**
- 13. AUA and Tsinghua SIGS retain the right to exchange prizes for a similar award of the same value.**
14. AUA and Tsinghua SIGS reserve the right of final explanation of the terms and conditions. Winning contestants will be given three months from the date of the official announcement of contest winners to claim the award by providing relevant bank account information to the contest organizing committee; failure to provide relevant information within the aforementioned timeframe will result in forfeiture of the award.