

CONTEST RULES AND GUIDELINES

Eligibility

The photo contest is open to the following students:

Education Abroad/International Experience Students

Currently enrolled PVAMU students who participated in education abroad through PVAMU (including approved external programs) while enrolled at PVAMU. (Photos must have been taken abroad during the time the student is enrolled at PVAMU and while the student was on an education abroad program.)

Currently enrolled PVAMU students who participated in an international experience through PVAMU while enrolled at PVAMU. (Photos must have been taken abroad during the time the student is enrolled at PVAMU and while the student was on an international experience through PVAMU.)

International Students

Currently enrolled PVAMU international students in an F-1, F-2, or J-1 visa status. (Photos must have been taken in the United States during the time the student is enrolled as an international student at PVAMU.)

Categories

Please read the following category descriptions closely to determine the applicable category for your photo submissions:

Education Abroad/International Experience Students

1. *Panther Planet and Places*

Photos taken *abroad* of nature or architecture (for example, plants, flowers, landscapes, waterscapes, wildlife, skiescapes, buildings, landmarks, cityscapes, monuments/sculptures, etc.).

2. *Panther People and Culture*

Photos taken *abroad* that portray people abroad (for example, people on the street, people at festivals or parades, people enjoying a meal, PVAMU students wearing PVAMU attire and displaying Panther spirit or displaying Panther pride, etc.).

3. *Panther Preference*

Photographer's choice – any eligible photo topic taken *abroad* that is not included in the Panther Planet and Places category or Panther People and Culture category (for example, food, memorable moments, objects, etc.).

International Students

4. *Panther Planet and Places*

Photos taken in the *United States* of nature or architecture (for example, plants, flowers, landscapes, waterscapes, wildlife, skiescapes, buildings, landmarks, cityscapes, monuments/sculptures, etc.).

5. *Panther People and Culture*

Photos taken in the *United States* that portray people in the *United States* (for example, people on the street, people at festivals or parades, people enjoying a meal, PVAMU students wearing PVAMU attire and displaying Panther spirit or displaying Panther pride, etc.).

6. *Panther Preference*

Photographer's choice – any eligible photo topic taken in the *United States* that is not included in the Panther Planet and Places category or Panther People and Culture category (for example, food, memorable moments, objects, etc.).

Note: If a person other than you is prominently portrayed in a photograph (other than being included in a general group of people in a public place), written permission must be provided by the subject and a copy must be submitted by the contest entrant to the Office of International Affairs by the deadline.

Contest Rules

You must be eligible to participate in the contest and adhere to the contest rules and guidelines, as well as agree to the terms and conditions of the release.

Photos that include alcohol, cigarettes, drugs, or any inappropriate content are ineligible.

Photos that are submitted after the deadline are ineligible.

Photos must be your original work. Photos must be unaltered and unmanipulated images. Professional photos or digitally enhanced photos are ineligible.

Photos cannot be featured in other promotional campaigns or violate privacy or intellectual property rights.

Photos must be high resolution, at least 3032 x 2008 pixels and at least 2 MB and a maximum of 10 MB per photo.

Photos must be in jpeg, jpg, or png format.

An online form must be completed to enter the contest and photos must be uploaded.

Applicants may submit up to five photographs overall.

International Affairs reserves the right to place photos in the proper category based on fit as determined by International Affairs.

The contest decisions determined by International Affairs are final.

All photos and materials submitted become the property of Prairie View A&M University.

Deadline To Enter The Contest

The deadline to enter the contest is April 11, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

Release

To enter the contest, you are required to agree to the release that is part of the entry form.

How To Enter

Photos must be submitted online by completing the entry form and uploading photos at the following website links:

Education Abroad/International Experience Students:

<http://www.pvamu.edu/internationalaffairs/photo-contest-ed-abroad-intl-exp/>

International Students (photos taken in the US):

<http://www.pvamu.edu/internationalaffairs/international-students-us-photos/>

Photo files should be named in the following format: First and Last Name - Country Where Photo Was Taken – Student Category – Photo Category - Year Picture was Taken

Examples: Jane Jones - South Africa - Education Abroad Student - Panther Planet and Places - 2017
John Stewart - United States - International Student - Panther People and Culture - 2016
Mary Smith - Costa Rica - International Experience Student – Panther Preference - 2015

Voting and Contest Winners

Voting will take place on the Education Abroad Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/PVAMUEducationAbroad> in the form of "likes" starting on April 17, 2017 and ending on April 24, 2017. All eligible photograph submissions will be displayed. Voting is open to students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the public.

The winners will be announced by April 28, 2017 on the International Affairs Instagram page at <https://www.instagram.com/pvamuintlaffairs>.

The photos that receive the most votes and the second highest number of votes within a category (in the form of "likes") will receive an award subject to the criteria being met pertaining to the minimum number of student entrants in a category and awards eligibility per entrant.

If there is a tie within a category, International Affairs will select someone to act as a judge and determine the winning photo in the category (subject to the criteria being met pertaining to the minimum number of student entrants in a category and maximum number of prizes per entrant - one). See the information below in the Prizes section.

Prizes (per category)

1st Place - \$100 gift card 2nd Place - \$50 gift card Honorable Mention (if applicable) - \$25 gift card

An entrant can receive a maximum of one prize.

Note: A category must contain photos from at least seven different students for the category to be eligible for a first place prize and second place prize. If the category has photos from at least three different students but less than seven, an honorable mention prize will be awarded to the most liked photo. If a category has less than three different student entrants, a prize will not be awarded.

Questions

If you have questions, please e-mail Ms. Trenadia McDonald at tcmdconald@pvamu.edu.

Share your outstanding photos with us!