Spiders Abroad Photo/Video Contest: Contest Rules

Thank you for your interest in the Spiders Abroad Photo/Video Contest sponsored by the Office of International Education (OIE). The contest is open to students, faculty, staff, and alumni and will be adjudicated by a team of judges from across campus. Winning entries may be displayed in the Carole Weinstein International Center, included in future University publications, and/or showcased on the OIE website. All submissions may be used in the promotion of UR and its study abroad programs.

To enter, carefully read the eligibility requirements and selection criteria below and make your submissions on or before Monday, February 22, 2016.

Eligibility Requirements

1. All returned study abroad students, international students, exchange students, alumni, faculty, and staff (“entrants”) may participate in the contest.
2. Photos and/or videos must be original works (entries from professional photographers are not allowed) and have been captured by the entrant.
3. Entries become the property of the University of Richmond and may be edited and reproduced for publication in electronic or print form to promote the University and its related programs and activities.
4. Photos may be color, black and white, and/or sepia and must be submitted as high-resolution digital files.
5. Videos should no longer than two minutes and posted in high definition.
6. A maximum of two photos and one video may be submitted per entrant.
7. International students (degree-seeking and exchange) may submit photos or video taken during their time in the United States.
8. Alumni, faculty, and staff may submit photos or video from business and leisure travel taken within the last 12 months.
9. Entries must be received by on or before Monday, February 22, 2016. Late entries will not be accepted.

Selection Criteria
A panel of Richmond faculty and staff will review all entries. The best submissions will capture the entrant and her/his exploration of the host culture. Other selection criteria include:

- Technical and artistic merit (clarity, focus, lighting, etc.)
- Photos exhibiting the entrant’s experience abroad (e.g. academic learning, cultural learning, international awareness, cultural sensitivity, or fun)
- An original approach to the subject matter

To Submit Photo Entries:
• Send high-resolution, digital photos (JPEG preferred) via e-mail to upload.Submiss.1jocngu9ju@u.box.com.
(Notes on photo resolution: Photos taken on cameras with at least 4 megapixels will usually yield a high-resolution photo suitable for this contest, provided the camera is capturing the image at its highest setting. Most smartphones capture photos in high resolution, too. Ideally, the largest dimension of your photo—either vertical or horizontal—should be 2000 pixels or greater. Photos with more pixels are preferred.)

• Please use the following naming convention when submitting your files:

  LastFirst_Profile_Country_Title - examples:
  • DoeJane_DomesticStudent_Brazil_Amazon Sunrise.jpg
  • SmithJohn_Faculty_Australia_BeachDay.jpg
  • TimkoTanya_InternationalStudent_JamesRiver.jpg
  • JonesKaren_Staff_CostaRica_MonkeyTree.jpg
  • WilliamsJim_Alumni_Japan_TranquilGardens.jpg

  All photographs must include this naming convention to be eligible.

To Submit Video Entries:

• Post your video to an online hosting service like YouTube or Hulu (a maximum of two minutes)
• E-mail the video link to photocontest@richmond.edu
• In the body of the e-mail, please include your:
  • First and Last Name
  • UR Profile (faculty staff, domestic student, international student)
  • Abroad Location
  • Video Title

Prizes
Prizewinners will receive an Amazon.com gift card, and their photographs/videos may be displayed in the International Center, included in future University publications, and/or showcased on University websites. Winners will be announced in April.

Questions?
Please contact photocontest@richmond.edu, or call 804.287.6557.