

2012 Wang Center Photo Contest Guidelines

You are invited to submit your photos for the Annual Wang Center Photo Contest! We are accepting pictures that were taken during your study away experience, from February 2011 through January 2012. Special attention will be given to photos of water to complement the Wang Center's 2012 Symposium entitled, "Our Thirsty Planet." YOU could WIN an awesome gift certificate!!! The submission deadline is **5:00pm on Friday, February 17, 2012**. Please note the following rules and guidelines:

CATEGORIES:

- **Natural Landscapes and Seascapes:** Wildlife, nature, scenery, flowers – non-human subject matter.
- **People and Culture:** Human interest, host-community members, host-families – interactive photos reflective of the culture you are visiting, and industrial archeology.
- **Urban Landscapes:** Urban scenes, architecture, constructed environments...
- **Lutes Away:** PLU students interacting in the community. There must be a PLU student in this picture along with other people from your host country capturing a cross-cultural exchange.*

*Students that choose to submit photos for the **Lutes Away** category must be the photographer, and should not be in the photo.

SUBMITTING PHOTOS:

- Please email photos to wangcenterphotos@gmail.com by **5:00pm on Friday, February 17, 2012**. Late entries will not be accepted.
- Preferred format: .jpg
- **Submitted photos must include:**
 - Category Title (*Natural Landscapes and Seascapes, People and Culture, Urban Landscapes or Lutes Away*)
 - Name of Photographer
 - Title of Photo
 - Paragraph explaining the significance of the photo
 - Short, Reflective Description
 - Approximate Location and Date
- *All submitted photographs become Wang Center property and may be used on the website or in PLU publications.*

RULES

- Applicant must be a PLU student (or Dec '11), faculty, or staff member.
- Submissions must be original photographs taken by the applicant during their *academic* travels from February 2011 through January 2012 (this includes PLU Gateway, Featured, Approved, Summer, and J-Term Study Away Programs, PLU

International Internships, as well as educational travel for Wang Center Research Grants).

- Contestants may submit one (1) photograph per category – Four (4) submissions maximum.
- Each submitted photo must include the required information (see above) or it will not be considered.
- Digitally altered photos will not be considered. Cropping, sepia tone and black & white photos are the **only** acceptable alterations.
- The Wang Center reserves the right to reject photos that contain inappropriate content (i.e. pornography, violence, or other questionable material). Rejected photos will be discarded without penalty to the contestant's other submissions.
- No more than one photo per person will be selected as a winner – Winners will receive awards based on their highest placing submissions.
- All photographs must be submitted via email by **5:00pm on Friday, February 17, 2012.**

JUDGING

- Judging will be conducted by a group of PLU faculty, staff and students.
- Judging criteria:
 - Originality/creativity
 - Photographic quality and visual impact
 - Effectiveness in conveying the study away experience

PRIZES

- Three winners will be selected from each category. Gift certificate locations will be chosen by winners from a list of options.

1st - \$50 Gift Certificate

2nd - \$30 Gift Certificate

3rd - \$20 Gift Certificate

The winning photos will be displayed at the Study Away Fair on March 6, 2012 and then mounted in the UC for the 2012-2013 academic year. Contest participants will be notified of the results of the contest during the week of the Study Away Fair. Winners will also receive a large, printed copy of their photo.

NOTE: ETHICAL PHOTO TAKING

Please be thoughtful as you take pictures on your journeys. Remember to ask permission, consider and respect historical and cultural aspects, reflect on what the picture means to you, and when possible, give a copy of the photo to those you've captured on film.

If you have any questions, please email wangcenterphotos@gmail.com
or call the Wang Center at 253-535-7577.