

Yamagata University International Exchange Photo Contest 2024

Yamagata University is holding a photo contest to spread the cross-cultural experiences of studying abroad, and the attractiveness of Yamagata University as a perspective of international students.

The Yamagata University International Exchange Photo Contest 2024 will accept entries in two categories: “Experiences of International Exchange” and “International Students”. The Experiences of International Exchange will be open to photos that capture the moments of experiencing different cultures through study abroad programs offered by Yamagata University, such as short-term study abroad programs, undergraduate study abroad programs (including student ambassadors), as well as photos of landscapes that can only be seen in different countries. Also, the photos taken in study abroad or cross-cultural events held inside or outside of Japan would be acceptable. The International Students Category is looking for photos that depict the appeal of studying at Yamagata University as perceived by international students. Please feel free to participate.

1. Categories of entries

【Experiences of International Exchange Category】

●Theme “My Global Experience”

- Memorable photos taken at study abroad destinations.
- Photographs that capture the enjoyment of the activities.
- Photographs taken in study abroad or cultural events held inside or outside of Japan.

【International Students Category】

●Theme “My Life as an International Student in Yamagata”

- Photographs of university life at Yamagata University, part-time jobs, cross-cultural experiences, scenery, etc.
- Photographs of scenery and events that you would like to introduce to students who are coming to Yamagata University to study abroad.

2. Eligibility

Yamagata University students (including Short-term exchange students)

3. Submission period **December 11**

From October 1, 2024 to **November 29**, 2024

*Please note that early or late submissions will not be considered.

4. Prizes

Experiences of International Exchange Category

Grand Prize: QUO card worth 10,000 yen (1 person)

Second Prize: QUO Cards worth 5,000 yen each (2 people)

Honorable Mention Award: QUO Cards worth 3,000 yen each (3 people)

International Students Category

Grand Prize: QUO card worth 10,000 yen (1 person)

Second Prize: goes to two applicants, QUO Cards worth 5,000 yen each (2 people)

Honorable Mention Award: QUO Cards worth 3,000 yen each (3 people)

5. Entries

(1) Number of entries

Maximum of one photo per submission. Each applicant may submit up to two entries through both categories.

(2) Entry requirements

Any type of photographic equipment, color or black-and-white, portrait or landscape, is acceptable. Photographs that meet all of the following requirements will be accepted.

- Photographs must follow the theme of each category.
- Photographs must have been taken within the past three years.
- Photographs must be an original work taken by the applicants.
- If the subject is a person, the applicants must have the permission of the person (subject).
- The work must not have won any prizes in other contests in the past.
- The entry must not violate laws, ordinances, or public order and morals.

(3) How to submit

Entries can be submitted through the Yamagata University Exchange Platform website. Please follow the steps below to submit.

Access to “Yamagata University Alumni Association Exchange Platform” website.

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<https://ykouyu.yamagata-u.ac.jp/members/regist/>

- ① Register to Exchange Platform.

Please register as a "regular member" in order to submit.

② Post your entries to the "International Student Plaza" on the Exchange Platform.

Please follow the instructions below to submit your photos.

- Enter the title of the photo in the "Title" field.

- The title should be in both Japanese and English, or in either language.

- Please fill in (1) the place where the photo was taken (2) the program you participated in (Experiences of International Exchange Category), and (3) episodes related to the photo, in the text field.

- For more information on how to register for the Exchange Platform, please refer to the attached sheet.

6. Judging

A panel of on-campus judges will review the entries and determine the winners of each award.

7. Announcement of Awards

The results will be announced on the Yamagata University website on January 15, 2025.

The winners will be notified via e-mail or telephone regarding how to receive the prizes.

8. Other

- The copyright of the submitted works belongs to the photographer.

- Yamagata University reserves the right to use the submitted works for free of charge.

- Yamagata University reserves the right to let others use the submitted works free of charge only with the prior application and approved by International Affairs Division).

- The applicant (photographer) agrees to allow Yamagata University to use his/her work in various media for publicity purposes (university website, official SNS, PR magazines, etc.).

9. Notes

- Personal information of applicants will be provided by the Yamagata University Alumni Association, which operates the Exchange Platform, for use of this contest's business purposes only.

- Each applicant is solely responsible for following copyright and portrait rights rules applicable to their submission. Yamagata University will not be responsible for any problems arising from the failure on the applicants' part.