BALLIOL COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE HOLYWELL MANOR PHOTOGRAPHY PRIZE 2025

Rules

- The competition is open to all current members of Balliol's MCR.
- Entry must be made using the online entry form. You may only submit one entry and only one image per entry. The closing date is 26/05/2025.
- Each entry must be the original work of the person submitting it. No stock photography is allowable.
- Images must not have any visible watermarks as the judging is anonymous.
- Prize winners will be selected by a judging panel and their decision is final.
- Post-capture processing by software such as Adobe Photoshop is allowed. All shortlisted entrants will be required to declare the extent of any post-capture techniques used. Digital manipulation is allowed. Shortlisted entrants may be asked for details of the manipulation used. Entrants are not allowed to claim a subject to be unmanipulated if it has been.
- No synthetic or artificially generated images are allowed, and no use of artificially generative fill is allowed. Any use of these tools will automatically disqualify the entry from the competition. However, the use of smart tools, or AI-powered enhancement tools is possible within the competition rules, as long as these tools do not lead to significant changes to the image as a whole, introduce new information to the image, nor remove information from the image that was captured by the camera.

Technical Specifications

- We recommend that submitted images are at 72 ppi (ideally with an sRGB colour profile) and 1920px on their longest side. Any larger than this and the image may be larger than than it will be seen by the judging panel; and the file will take longer to upload and/or download to judges' and viewers' screens.
- Ideally your photograph will have been taken on a phone or camera that will enable the production of good quality prints, as shortlisted images will be exhibited in the college. As a guide this means JPEG-12, Adobe RGB (1998) colour profile, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch), the image needs to be at least 4961 pixels (longest side).
- The image file size must not exceed 7MB.

Prizes

Two prizes will be awarded:

The Jury Prize – the winner will be chosen by a judging panel. The winner will be awarded £300 (which will be added to their battels).
The Popular Prize – current members of the MCR will be invited to vote for their favourite image using an online voting platform. The winner will be awarded £300 (which will be added to their battels).

If the winner of the Popular Prize is the same as the Jury Prize, the runner-up in the online vote will be awarded the Popular prize.

Rights

- All photographers retain the copyright of their work.
- All entrants agree to the storage of their images in electronic form for the purpose of judging the competition and the private distribution of those images as required to complete the judging process.
- The photographer warrants that the rights (of any kind) to the photograph have not previously been sold or granted to any third party.
- The entrants grant the College the right to use the images in electronic form or in print for the specific purpose of them being used in College publicity materials (in accordance with Balliol College Image Policy).
    - The College will not be responsible for unauthorised use of any image by a third party.
    - Electronic files sent as attachments will not be returned and the College accepts no responsibility for submissions in any other form. Prints or physical media sent as submissions will not be returned.
- Balliol College agrees that the images will not be made available for download on any of its websites at high resolution and that all images used will be credited to the photographer. To further protect any images against misuse by third parties.