

Student Art Prize FAQs

How should I approach the theme?

The Art Prize theme can be interpreted however you would like to interpret it. Feel free to create an artwork based on your own unique personal experiences, expectations, or opinions. You can get inspiration from our theme scrapbook!

Do you have to be an artist to apply?

No, we are encouraging any and every student to apply, from complete novices to professional artists.

Which medium should I make my artwork from?

You can create your artwork from whatever media you are most comfortable with. Previous students have submitted works made from collage, print, oil paints, graphite, film, digital media and photography. The sky is the limit!

Do I have to be a student to apply?

Yes. You need to be a registered Durham University student to apply for the Student Art Prize.

Can I apply if I am a Durham University postgraduate student?

Yes, you can apply at in level in your education.

Can I submit more than one application or piece of work?

We only accept one work per student.

I want to submit a sculpture, performance work or film. Can I submit a work that is not 2D?

If you would like to submit a three-dimensional work, performance or film then you will need to consider how the work will be viewed by the judging panel. For example, a sculpture would need to be submitted as a photograph or drawing, a performance may need to be filmed. Get in touch with artcollection@durham.ac.uk to chat further.

Can I submit as a group or collaboratively?

Yes! You can submit artwork created with others, however all named individuals on the application must be Durham University students. Any prize will be shared equally among the applicants named.

Do I need to submit the actual artwork?

No, you can submit up to 5 images of your artwork (or MP4 file for film and performance works). Please don't send any physical artworks.

Do I need to frame or glaze my work?

No, you do not need to frame or glaze your work. All shortlisted artworks will be exhibited in an online exhibition as part of Summer in the City arts festival. On the submission forms we ask you to indicate if your artwork is already framed.

I have a piece of artwork already that fits the theme, can I submit this even though it has not been made for the prize?

Yes!

My work does not fit the required size. Can I still submit it?

Yes, however this will need to be taken into consideration by the judging panel and could affect their decision. Get in touch with artcollection@durham.ac.uk to chat further.

How do I apply?

You can find all the details of how to apply, along with the submission form, at the 'How to Apply' section of the Durham University Student Art Prize website.