

We Want You on the BA Photography!

TU Dublin School of Media is delighted to invite applicants for our programme in Photography to submit their portfolios for 2021 entry. We fully understand that the last 12 months have been exceptionally difficult for applicants and would like to reassure you that we will take this into consideration when assessing your portfolio. We will take a positive and inclusive approach to reviewing your portfolio- our aim is not to be exclusive, but to ensure that entrants will enter their chosen degree with the required background skills and abilities in order to be able to progress in their studies.

This year we are unable to accept physical portfolios and have moved to an online portfolio assessment platform. Please find information on this process and answers to some questions you may have below.

We look forward to seeing your work!

What type of work should I submit?

We would like to see a selection of your photographic work (up to 25 pieces) that best represents your creative, practical and conceptual skills and abilities.

You may additionally submit pages from your notebooks or workbooks which show how you researched and developed your work. However, we are aware that not all of you may have a notebook or workbook.

If you have had photographs published in magazines or online, you may submit them as well.

How do I submit my portfolio?

Portfolios for 2021 are submitted through our online platform at: <https://tudublin.slideroom.eu/>

What information will I need for my application?

You will need your CAO number, date of birth, the email address you used in your CAO application and any files you wish to upload. You may also make an optional Applicant's Statement (see below).

What is the closing date for applications?

The closing date is March 1, 2021 at 6pm as shown at <https://tudublin.slideroom.eu/>

Can I start my application now and save it for editing/ submission later?

Once logged in to our system you can save your application and complete/ amend it anytime up to the deadline. Please note that you must remember to 'Submit' your application before the closing date- applications saved in draft format will not be assessed. Once submitted, applications cannot be edited.

What types of files can I upload?

You can submit up to 25 pieces. These can be in the following formats:

- Images (up to 5MB each)
- PDFs (up to 10MB each)
- Video (up to 250MB each)
- You may also link to media from YouTube and Vimeo

What if my images/ files are too big?

The above file limits should be more than adequate to represent your work, however there are plenty of ways to reduce your file sizes online if required such as:

Images: <https://photoshop.adobe.com/>

Pdfs: <https://www.adobe.com/ie/acrobat/online/compress-pdf.html>

How can I show my notebooks/workbooks?

Video: Make a short video using a phone or camera. You might try to use a simple tripod or to set up your camera or phone in a fixed position so you can flick through the pages. Remember to follow the relevant photography tips, particularly in terms of lighting. Videos should not be longer than 1 minute.

Slideshow: Scan or photograph the pages of your notebook and assemble them into a slideshow which could be uploaded as a video. Videos should not be longer than 1 minute.

Pdf: Scan or photograph pages of your notebook and assemble them into a pdf with multiple pages. Remember that pdfs must be less than 10MB each.

Do I need to make an Applicant's Statement?

Applicants have the opportunity to make a personal statement of up to 1,000 words, however this is not a requirement. There is no prescribed format for this but you may use it as an

opportunity to explain your work or your interest in the programme you are applying for. This is not marked but may give some context to your work.

How will my work be marked?

The portfolio is used to review the applicant's potential to benefit from and contribute to the programme chosen and will be marked using the following evaluation criteria:

Evidence of Ability to Communicate Ideas (200 marks)

- Examples in single images
- Examples across a series of images

Evidence of Practical ability (200 marks)

- Composition
- Technical skill
- Quality of presentation

Evidence of Creative ability (200 marks)

- Creative enquiry
- Development of ideas

The maximum portfolio score is 600 points. Applicants must obtain a minimum score of 200 points to be considered for TU976 (Photography)

In all cases, the decision of the review panel will be final.

How will I get my results?

Portfolio scores will be issued to the email address supplied on your CAO application. These will be sent by TU Dublin City Admissions Office as soon as they are available and are not available from the School. Please ensure you use the same email address for your CAO application and portfolio submission. Results will not be given out over the phone or by any method other than that outlined above.

What if I have a query?

For general course or portfolio queries contact: schoolofmedia.city@tudublin.ie / (01) 2205784

For score queries contact Admissions, quoting your 2021 CAO Number: admissions@tudublin.ie / (01) 2206100. See examples of student work on our website at tudublinphotography.ie.