

Photo Grant

What does transparency mean to you?

How does corporate or government accountability (or lack of it) affect your communities?
Now is the time to show us.

Professional and amateur photographers are invited to submit up to five pictures for a photo competition organized by the Transparency and Accountability Initiative – a collaborative of funders committed to open government, citizen engagement and collective action for the public good.

The competition seeks to promote conversation around transparency and accountability issues and provide a space for photographers and artists to help bring these concepts to life.

Participants

Professional and amateur photographers of any nationality aged 18 and older are encouraged to apply.

Theme

Photographers are not constrained in what they submit, but potential themes might include manifestations of transparency and accountability in how citizens interact with government, use of public resources, sharing and use of data, integrity of companies and governments.

GUIDELINES AND SUBMISSION:

- Contestants must be aged eighteen (18) years or over at the time of submission.
- Contestants must be the author of the photos submitted
- Contestants may submit up to five photos [but not less than three photos] relating to the theme of the competition with a proposal detailing the Who, What, Where, When, and How of the photo essay to be produced.
- All photos submitted must be in colored format and in JPEG or JPG format, with high quality and resolution, of a maximum of 3MB in size but not lower than 1MB. All photos must be submitted using the entry form [here](https://forms.gle/B9MxzKsrfcwmRk5W7) (https://forms.gle/B9MxzKsrfcwmRk5W7)
- Submissions will be accepted from October 24, 2019 to January 13, 2020 at **11. 59pm [EST]**
- Contestants are kindly requested to upload the original photo(s) in its original form. However, basic technical editing of the Photo(s) is acceptable, provided any such editing does not affect the authenticity and/or genuineness of the Photo(s).
- All submitted photo(s) must not contain any tag(s), signature(s), initial(s), frame(s), border(s), logo(s) or any other references and/or marks added by the contestant.
- Inappropriate photos and/or offensive contents, including staged photos and photos displaying nudity, violence and/or any other contents deemed to be contrary to the public morals traditions and practices will be disqualified.
- Photo tags and submission must be written in English.

- Potential winners will be contacted **by January 20** to write a more detailed proposal on how they intend to produce the pictures. They will be expected to submit their proposal **January 31**.
- By entering this competition, entrants grant TAI non-exclusive permission to use the pictures for activities in all media, including social media, online and print, under the creative commons license without any remuneration being due.
- **Contestants also agree that** personal data will be collected and may be processed, shared, and otherwise used by TAI to verify the eligibility of the contestants and for the purposes of the competition and any other purposes outlined the competition guidelines.

Prize

A single prize will be awarded by a panel of Judges that includes a professional photographer, a seasoned photojournalist, and expert in the Transparency, Accountability, and Participation (TAP) space. The winner will be announced on **February 7** and will receive a work grant of US\$8,000 to carry a photographic project to produce at least **30 photographs** related to the themes of government and corporate transparency and accountability. The project is expected to begin on **February 14** and completed by **May 15, 2020**.

The grant will be disbursed in two payments: 40% upon signature of agreement, 60% upon submission of photo essay. TAI will own copyrights to the images and reserves the right to reproduce, transform, distribute, and use for public dissemination. However, the winner [photographer] will be credited anytime any of the pictures is used in a printed or web publication.