

ICP and FUJIFILM China Launch National Photography Initiative for Emerging Student Photographers

Nine Chinese universities have provided 15 photographers to participate in mentorship program culminating in workshops in Shanghai and exhibition opportunities in New York City

The International Center of Photography (ICP) and FUJIFILM (China) Investment Co., Ltd., (hereafter "FUJIFILM China") have announced a new collaboration designed to support and elevate the next generation of photographic storytellers in China. The initiative, part of FUJIFILM X-SPACE's Future Visioneers program, will bring together talented university photography students from across the country for an intensive educational experience led by ICP faculty.

Through a nationwide selection process, nine participating universities have nominated their strongest 15 emerging photographers to represent their institution. Many of China's leading universities are participating including the **Beijing Film Academy, China Academy of Art, Nanjing University of the Arts** and **Sichuan Fine Arts Institute**.

The selected students will participate first in an online kick-off session in late June with the ICP team. Then they will travel to Shanghai in August 2026 for a three-day workshop, **"Stories From the Neighborhood: Creating Visual Stories with Photographs,"** led by **Karen Marshall**, Chair of ICP's Documentary Practice and Visual Journalism Program.

All participants will be provided with a **FUJIFILM GFX medium format digital camera system (camera body and lens)** by X-SPACE for use throughout the online and in-person workshop period, helping students more freely explore and develop their own visual language.

The workshop will focus on visual storytelling, documentary photography, project development, and the process of creating meaningful photographic narratives rooted in

everyday life. Participants will receive mentorship and feedback from Marshall and engage in hands-on photographic assignments throughout Shanghai.

Following the workshop, a selection of the strongest photographs produced during the program will be exhibited at the International Center of Photography in New York City, providing participants with a unique opportunity to share their work with an international audience.

"This partnership reflects our shared commitment to nurturing emerging photographic voices and creating meaningful opportunities for young artists," said **Roban Wang, ICP alumni ambassador**. "By connecting students from leading universities in China with ICP's educational expertise, we hope to encourage a new generation of photographers to tell compelling stories about their communities and the world around them."

The collaboration represents a growing relationship between ICP and FUJIFILM China, combining ICP's nearly 50 years of leadership in photography and visual culture education with FUJIFILM's longstanding commitment to supporting photographers and creative communities.

"Photography has the power to help us better understand ourselves and the societies we live in," said **Per Gylfe, director of education at ICP**. "We're excited to partner with FUJIFILM China on this initiative and to work with talented young photographers as they develop their creative voices, strengthen their storytelling skills, and engage with the documentary tradition in new and meaningful ways."

The workshop will take place **August 3–5, 2026**, at **FUJIFILM X-SPACE Shanghai**, bringing together students selected through a competitive application process that evaluates photographic skill, technical proficiency, and potential for visual storytelling. Applicants are asked to submit portfolios of 15–20 images and describe their photographic experience, creative interests, and goals for participating in the program.

Selected Students for 2026 Program

Students	中文校名	English Name
Aoxue Song Zhao Yi	北京电影学院	Beijing Film Academy
Weigu Wu Jiaxuan Li	南京传媒学院	Communication University of China, Nanjing
Hanxi Luo Cen Ji	南京艺术学院	Nanjing University of the Arts
Yiyao Liu	上海师范大学	Shanghai Normal University
Mei Jiayuan Boxu Zou	四川美术学院	Sichuan Fine Arts Institute
Yuntian Guo Jiapeng Qin	四川传媒学院	Sichuan University of Media and Communications
Yulin Liu	浙江财经大学	Zhejiang University of Finance & Economics
Zhenxiang Wong	浙江传媒学院	Communication University of Zhejiang
Qiuyi Wu Zhiqiu Yang	中国美术学院	China Academy of Art