

Future Lights in Ceramics competition 2019

Application documents are online

Theme

The theme for Future Lights 2019 is: **Go green – Ceramics and the Environment.**

Background

“Ceramics are made from earth. As a material, ceramic has multiple functions. Fired ceramic is extremely durable - lasting thousands of years. Clay can be used by artists to express their visions, by architects to fulfil constructive needs, and by designers to make everyday products in high numbers. At present, we are experiencing many sociological changes. People have started to think more about their way of life. It is increasingly clear that we will have to focus more on our environmental needs than ever before, producing goods that are sustainable and ecological. Products made of ceramic can meet these new and important issues. Ceramic materials can also provide solutions for buildings, substituting materials such as plastics, coated paper, and alumina. Ceramics can help to save energy, water and guarantee high standards of architectural stability and hygiene.” Wilhelm Siemen, Director, Porzellanikon

What are the judges looking for?

The Future Lights competition invites applications from early career ceramics:

- From art, crafts and design disciplines, who are actively creating items – conceptual as well as design oriented.
- Historians and art historians, museum curators and researchers who are focusing on environmental aspects: ecology, sustainability, resource-saving in both production and use.

The “Future Lights” chosen by the jury must demonstrate their “Go green” vision by concrete examples: artists, craftsmen and designers by real 3D-objects, historians, art historian, and researchers through their written work and forward-thinking vision.

Who can apply?

We are looking for people in the early stages of a career in ceramics. Applicants must be residents in EU or associated states at the time of applying. They should have completed their main full time studies within the last 5 years. Applicants should have expertise, experience or innovative ideas that respond to the theme, as described above.

The organisers of the Future Lights competition wish to be as inclusive as possible. If you have any access or support needs, please get in touch with Jana Göbel from Porzellanikon (jana.goebel@porzellanikon.org | phone: +49 9287 91800 614).

Further information as well as all requested documents can be find here:

<http://futurelights.ceramicsanditsdimensions.eu/>

Deadline: 31 March 2018

We are looking forward receiving your application!

References

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