

Margaret Mee Fellowship Programme Artist Scholarships 2018

The Margaret Mee Fellowship Programme (MMFP), based at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, is pleased to announce that it is now opening up a competition for a Margaret Mee Artist Scholarship for 2018. The Artist Scholar will once again be tutored by Christabel King.

Botanical illustration is an artform that supports botanical science, requiring accuracy as well as artistry in reproducing the plant material. Interested applicants must abide by the rules and conditions set out below:

1. Applicants should contact the Chairman of the MMFP, Dr Nicholas Hind (n.hind@kew.org), and provide a short Curriculum Vitae (c. 1 page), together with five digital images (up to a possible maximum of ten) best representing their work and illustrating native Brazilian plant species, either as PDFs or JPEGs, via DropBox or, alternatively, sending the images as e-mail attachments. Under no circumstances should originals should be sent.
2. The original for each image should be in colour (oil, water colour, gouache, coloured pencil, crayon, acrylic, airbrush or mixed media), but not a production of computer software. The originals should be of dimensions not exceeding 50 × 70 cm.
3. Entries must enable the scientific identification of the material illustrated and should indicate the family, genus and species, together with appropriate scales and note where the material was collected.
4. Entries should be submitted by 21st January 2018. Judging of each applicant's portfolio will be carried out by a panel of people invited by the Chairman of the MMFP that will include both botanists and a botanical artist. The successful candidate will be informed by the end of January 2018.
5. Previous winners of the MMFP Artist Scholarship are ineligible for this competition.
6. Submission of images to this competition implies that the applicants fully accept the rules and conditions outlined here.
7. The decision of the judging panel is final and no appeal will be accepted.
8. The successful candidate should be available to travel from 2nd April 2018, for a scholarship of five months, till early September 2018. A knowledge of English is desirable though not essential.

The successful candidate must make his/her arrangements for any visa required to visit the United Kingdom. The MMFP will reimburse the actual visa fee, but not any associated costs. Holders of a European Union passport do not require a visa to visit the UK.

Once any visa needed has been obtained MMFP will provide: an economy class ticket for return air travel from Rio de Janeiro or São Paulo (or at the discretion of MMFP, other major cities in Brazil); a contribution of living expenses of £1,400 per month and, at MMFP's discretion, artist's equipment and materials up to £300.