



Call for Art Works

“Virtual Stories: Digital Artistic Agency of Middle Eastern Children and Youth,” (Nazan Maksudyan, PI) which is funded by the Berlin Center for Global Engagement (BCGE) of the Berlin University Alliance (BUA) and hosted by Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, is aiming at bringing to the fore the digital agency of young artists from the Middle East. It contends that young cultural producers from the region have much to contribute to global debates and problems. We hope to offer new opportunities to those artists for networking and showcasing their works. For further information see: <https://www.virtualstoriesberlin.com>.

As part of our project, “Virtual Stories” is calling for applications of **young Middle Eastern digital artists** to submit their works for a prize competition in three broadly defined artistic categories: **text, image, and sound**. Art works may include but are not limited to digital story, photograph, video, song, sound installation, clip, video game, podcast, digital drawing, 3D modeling, animation, web and app design.

We encourage the submission of works that engage with current **global challenges** such as the pandemic, climate change, rising authoritarianism, exilic and diasporic experiences, precariousness in the labor market, or cultural integration. We hope to open channels for young cultural producers from the region to contribute to global issues related to education, sustainability, discrimination and racism, illness and care, and social organization.

The competition will award a **prize worth 750 €** in each category. We also hope to be able to invite the winning artists to an **event in Berlin** in May 2022.

Eligible are young digital artists - **25 years of age or younger** - who are **from the Middle East**, either living in the region or in diasporic communities and the deadline for the submission of individual art works in one of the three categories is **October 31, 2021**.

Submissions are to be made via the project website:

<https://www.virtualstoriesberlin.com/competition>

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