

PRESS RELEASE

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CALL FOR ENTRIES for *Sehsüchte*

Submissions for the International Student Film Festival *Sehsüchte* open on 12th November 2019.

Next year the *Sehsüchte* International Student Film Festival, hosted by the Film University Babelsberg *KONRAD WOLF*, will be held for the 49th time. Starting on **12th November 2019**, film students and young filmmakers can submit their works, produced within an academic context, or (debut)films to be featured in the next edition of the festival.

The international student film festival *Sehsüchte* is a meeting place for young filmmakers from all over the world and provides a platform for experimental and innovative contemporary cinema. The submission deadline is **7th January 2020**.

Categories of the festival

Following the previous year the competition sections in 2020 will be feature film, short film, documentary film, animated film, the children's and youth's section future, focus production with special attention to sustainability and green production, 360° as well as screenplay and pitch in the context of *Schreibsüchte*. In addition, the best genre film will be the only audience choice during the competition. All in all the best projects will be awarded in eleven categories.

The theme for *Sehsüchte*2020

20:20 Vision is the theme of the upcoming *Sehsüchte* film festival.

In optometry, the term 20:20 vision describes the ability to see in clarity and sharpness. The 49th edition of the international student film festival *Sehsüchte* takes these attributes of seeing as its leitmotif and focuses on the future. Not only in the context of film design and film experience, but also in future politics, culture, society and the new technologies that have already influenced us and will continue to shape us.

Therefore, this year's motto is a call to everyone to look at things with an unbiased, unadulterated and lifelike view and to face them, whether as filmmaker, student or festival visitor. Our perspectives and our actions can make the visions for the coming years come true and thus decisively change our environment and ourselves.

Launched 49 years ago

Sehsüchte is one of the biggest European student film festivals. In 1972 it was held for the first time in Potsdam-Babelsberg hosted by the „Hochschule für Film und Fernsehen“, as a way to showcase the films produced by film students.

As in previous years the film festival will be planned, realized and supported by the students of Media Studies and Digital Media Culture with the help of other courses of the university.

*You want to support *Sehsüchte*, too? We are currently looking for donators of the prizes and patrons! If interested, please contact us.*

The 49th *Sehsüchte* International Student Film Festival will take place from **22nd to 26th April 2019** in the Film University Babelsberg *KONRAD WOLF* located in Potsdam-Babelsberg. The films will be screened at the cinemas of the university only.

*If there are any questions, we are happy to provide additional information material. In all matters concerning the Call for Entries and the International Student Film Festival *Sehsüchte* please contact: presse@sehsuechte.de*