



Press Release

Applications for the new LOBA Women Grant will open soon.
The new project funding programme launched by Leica Camera AG is aimed at female photographers all over the world.

Wetzlar, 22 January 2026 The new LOBA Women Grant, part of the Leica Oskar Barnack Award (LOBA), acts as additional recognition of outstanding photographic work alongside the Main and Newcomer LOBA Award categories. The substantial funding provided by the LOBA Women Grant will offer female photographers the opportunity to realise a new project concept and image series, which will subsequently be presented as part of the Leica Oskar Barnack Award (LOBA).

Applications for the first LOBA Women Grant will be accepted from 11 February to 15 March 2026. Full details regarding the requirements, deadlines and conditions for application can be found here: <https://www.leica-oskar-barnack-award.com/loba-women-grant/informationen.html>. As part of the LOBA award ceremony, the series of the first winner will be shown in Wetzlar in October 2027, following which it will be displayed at various Leica Galleries and featured at photography festivals.

The LOBA Women Grant is aimed at professional female photographers aged 21 and over. The LOBA Women Grant amounts to 10,000 euros. The selected applicant will additionally receive a Leica Q-Camera and professional support throughout the project implementation and production period. The thematic focus is open, but must align with the LOBA guidelines, which recognise photographic series exploring the richly nuanced relationship between people and the environment in all its complex facets.

About Leica Camera

Leica Camera AG is an international, premium manufacturer of cameras, lenses and sports optics. As part of its growth strategy, the company has expanded its portfolio to include mobile imaging (smartphones) and the manufacture of high-quality spectacle lenses and watches, and is also represented in the home cinema segment with its own projectors.

Leica Camera AG, having its headquarters in Wetzlar, Germany, and a second production site in Vila Nova de Famalicão, Portugal, operates a global network of its own distribution companies with around 120 Leica Stores worldwide.



The Leica brand stands for excellence in quality, German craftsmanship and industrial design, combined with innovative technologies. An integral aspect of the brand culture is the promotion of the culture of photography, with around 30 Leica Galleries worldwide, the Leica Akademie and international awards such as the Leica Hall of Fame Award and the Leica Oskar Barnack Award (LOBA) – now enhanced by the LOBA Women Grant.

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