



Edward Ruiz Mentorship at the Market Photo Workshop

Call for Applications



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The Market Photo Workshop, in association with AngloGold Ashanti, is proud to announce that applications for the **2009 Edward Ruiz Mentorship** are now open.

The Edward Ruiz Mentorship is a mentorship programme which has been established to help launch the career of a promising photographer. The mentorship awards the recipient with the financial and infrastructural support needed to develop a substantial body of photographic work over the course of a year. The body of work will be exhibited as a solo exhibition at The Photo Workshop Gallery. The recipient also has the opportunity to work closely with a suitable mentor, who will provide guidance and direction on the intended project.

The recipient, in consultation with the Market Photo Workshop, will identify this mentor to help guide and develop the recipient's proposed body of work. The mentor is a professional practising photographer; past mentors have included Jo Ractliffe, Michelle Loukidis and Jean Brundrit.

The grant allows the recipient to produce and exhibit a body of work, and will also assist in covering costs related to research, travel, and other supplies.

Applications must include the following:

- A comprehensive CV
- An existing portfolio of 12-20 photographs (jpeg or tiff formats, 300dpi, no larger than 1024x768)
- 500 words explaining your photographic interests and existing work
- A 1000 word project proposal

The project proposal should address the following areas:

- The focus, meaning and intention of the project
- The importance of the proposed project
- How you intend to manage your project

Selection of a candidate

- A panel of judges appointed by the Market Photo Workshop will participate in the selection process.
- Shortlisted candidates may be requested to come in for an interview.
- The judges need to be satisfied that the selected proposal has merit; that the candidate will be able to manage the project, and that he/she is likely to derive lasting benefits from the mentorship.
- No correspondence with the judges may be entered into.

Deadline

- **Applications close on 31 July 2009 at 12h00.**
- Shortlisted candidates and the successful applicant will be contacted in August 2009.
- The candidate must be able to begin work soon thereafter.

All applications may be submitted electronically to lester@marketphotoworkshop.co.za
Alternatively, applications may be dropped off at the Market Photo Workshop.
2 President Street (Bus Factory entrance), Newtown, Johannesburg.
Receipt of applications will be confirmed by Monday 3 August 2009.

Musa Nxumalo, the 2008 Edward Ruiz Mentorship recipient, will be exhibiting his body of work titled *Alternative Kidz* at The Photo Workshop Gallery from 8 July - 13 August 2009. Business and Arts South Africa is assisting the project through its supporting grant scheme.

The National Arts Council of South Africa will be funding the 2009 Edward Ruiz exhibition.

