



Barbara Spohr, *Untitled (Long Island)*, 1979, Collection of Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity, P79 0162 P.

# Barbara Spohr Memorial Award for Photography 2026

Created by the friends and family of the late artist Barbara Spohr, this award is intended to encourage the development of Canadian contemporary photography by providing financial and creative assistance to a mid-career artist making a compelling contribution to the field.

## PROGRAM DATES

**January 19 – February 13, 2026**

## DEADLINE TO APPLY

**June 18, 2025**

Apply today.

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The Barbara Spohr Memorial Award supports one mid-career Canadian artist (Canadian citizen or permanent resident) working in photography to undertake a fully funded residency at Banff Centre.

During this month-long self-directed residency, the award winner will have:

- 24/7 access to the Crich Studio, a Leighton Artist Studio featuring private analogue darkroom facilities.
- access to digital photographic production.
- production support from the photography facilitator at Banff Centre.
- the option of giving a public talk with an associated fee at CARFAC-based rates.

Applications are open to Canadian mid-career artists with a strong exhibition record. For the purposes of this program, mid-career is defined as a minimum of ten exhibitions in a professional context, 8 to 15 years of professional arts experience, and demonstrated commitment to professional practice.

This program suits those focused on:

- working on a specific project.
- creating new works.
- exploring and researching innovative ideas.

Banff Centre invites applicants and artists of all ages (18+), backgrounds, gender identities, and expressions.

Applicants must be Canadian, a Permanent Resident or eligible under the terms of the Jay Treaty.

