

FIP Distinctions - 2025

1. General

Valid FIP members and valid member of FIP corporate clubs are invited to apply for AFIP, EFIP, GFIP, GFIP Levels EFIP/gold, EFIP/ platinum, MFIP, EFIP/gold (Nature), EFIP/platinum (Nature) and MFIP (Nature) distinctions. Overseas members are also entitled to apply for FIP distinctions.

Application must reach FIP within **31st July 2025** only through following email address:

AFIP/EFIP/GFIP/GFIP Levels: distinctions.fip@gmail.com

EFIP Levels/EFIP Nature Levels, MFIP, MFIP (Nature): distinctions.fiplevels@gmail.com

A FIP recognized salon is a national salon as long as it has only FIP recognition. Participation by foreigners does not change the status of the salon. A successful candidate will receive a certificate, a medal, a pin, and a card.

FIP has established following four further distinctions to recognize photographic artists who, after receiving the EFIP distinction, continue to actively participate in the salons under FIP Patronage and, in doing so, help to promote photography.

- Genius FIP (GFIP)
- Genius FIP Pratham (GFIP/pt)
- Genius FIP Uttam (GFIP/ut)
- Genius FIP Sarvottam (GFIP/st)

Note: The application for GFIP distinction will be accepted till 31st September 2025

2. Criteria

Distinction	Member Type	Acceptances/Awards and Different Works	Other Requirements
Artist FIP (AFIP) Distinction	Indian Members	200 acceptances with 25 different works in national or international salons	At least 50 acceptances must be from FIP recognized national salons.
	Overseas Members	40 acceptances with 15 different works in international salons	10 Different international salons in at least 5 countries of which 5 must be Indian salons
See section 4 for further details.			Print: 2 Print Acceptances from National or International salons Submit digital versions of 5 photographic works with at least 3 salon acceptances each. 2 different works among these must have obtained at least one award in a salon.
Excellence FIP (EFIP) Distinction	Indian Members	400 acceptances with 50 different works in national or international salons	At least 100 acceptances must be from FIP recognized national salons.
	Overseas Members	150 acceptances with 30 different works in international salons	20 Different international salons in at least 15 countries of which 10 must be Indian salons
See section 4 for further details. Note: AFIP and EFIP distinctions criteria is cumulative and there have been no changes to these criteria compared to the previous years.			Print: 5 Print Acceptances from National or International salons Submit digital versions of 5 photographic works with at least 5 salon acceptances each. Each work must have at least one award in a salon. Works should not resemble those submitted for AFIP distinction.

Distinction	Member Type	Acceptances/Awards and Different Works	Other Requirements
Genius FIP (GFIP) Distinction	Indian Members	300 acceptances with 75 different works in national or international salons	At least 100 acceptances must be from FIP recognized national salons.
	Overseas Members	200 acceptances with 50 different works in international salons	30 Different international salons in at least 20 countries of which 20 must be Indian salons
See section 4 for further details. Note: For GFIP and GFIP levels, All acceptances, awards, and other requirements must be fulfilled starting from the year 2023 and onward salons/circuits. EFIP distinction is mandatory for applying GFIP.			Submit digital versions of 5 photographic works with at least 5 salon acceptances each. Each work must have at least one award in a salon. Works should not resemble those submitted for AFIP/EFIP distinctions.
Genius FIP/pratham (GFIP/pt) Distinction	Indian Members	100 Awards with 50 different works in national or international salons	At least 25 awards must be from FIP recognized national salons.
	Overseas Members	50 awards with 30 different works in international salons	At least 10 different country international salons of which 5 must be Indian FIP recognized salons
See section 4 for further details.			Submit digital versions of 6 photographic works with at least 2 awards each. Works should not resemble those submitted for any of the previous distinctions.
Genius FIP/uttam (GFIP/ut) Distinction	Indian Members	200 Awards with 100 different works in national or international salons	At least 50 awards must be from FIP recognized national salons.
	Overseas Members	100 awards with 50 different works in international salons	At least 15 different country international salons of which 10 must be Indian FIP recognized salons
See section 4 for further details.			Submit digital versions of 7 photographic works with at least 2 awards each. Works should not resemble those submitted for any of the previous distinctions.
Genius FIP/sarvottam (GFIP/st) Distinction	Indian Members	300 Awards with 150 different works in national or international salons	At least 150 awards must be from FIP recognized national salons.
	Overseas Members	200 awards with 100 different works in international salons	At least 20 different country international salons of which 15 must be Indian FIP recognized salons
See section 4 for further details. Note: GFIP to GFIP/st, criteria of awards are cumulative.			Submit digital versions of 8 photographic works with at least 2 awards each. Works should not resemble those submitted for any of the previous distinctions.

Additional Notes:

- Each year only one distinction can be achieved. AFIP, EFIP, GFIP, GFIP/pt, GFIP/ut, GFIP/st must be achieved in the sequential order.
- EFIP Levels, GFIP or GFIP Levels and MFIP distinctions may be used concurrently with the name.
- The cumulative nature of EFIP levels and GFIP allows individuals to seek both distinctions within a single year.
- Titles/Images that have been previously accepted in salons and used for AFIP/EFIP are eligible to fulfill the criteria of GFIP or GFIP levels, but all acceptances and awards must be obtained from salons/circuits held in 2023 and beyond.
- When submitting photographs for each distinction, they must differ from any previous distinctions.
- International salons will only include salons and circuits that are recognized by FIAP and FIP or FIP.

3. Portfolio Distinctions

EFIP/Gold Distinction

One can apply after one year of obtaining EFIP/FFIP. No salon acceptances required. A member holding EFIAP distinction may directly apply for EFIP/g distinction.

Candidate must submit the following:

- A portfolio of 10 digital images with coherence.
- Viewing plan of the portfolio pictures.
- A statement of intent within 100 words.
- A duly filled Excel dossier in the format prescribed by FIP, which can be downloaded from the FIP website.

Note: Sequential images of an event is NOT coherence

See section 4 for further details.

EFIP/Platinum Distinction

One can apply after one year of obtaining EFIP/gold.

Candidate must submit the following:

- A portfolio of 15 digital images with coherence. These works must be different and not resemble or be similar to those submitted for the candidate's EFIP/gold distinction .
- Viewing plan of the portfolio pictures.
- A statement of intent with in 100 words.
- A duly filled Excel dossier in the format prescribed by FIP, which can be downloaded from the FIP website.

Note: Sequential images of an event is NOT coherence

See section 4 for further details.

EFIP/Gold (Nature) Distinction

One can apply after one year of obtaining EFIP or FFIP. No salon acceptances required. A member holding EFIAP distinction may directly apply for EFIP/g (Nature) distinction.

Candidate must submit the following:

- A portfolio of 10 nature digital images with coherence.
- Viewing plan of the portfolio pictures.
- A statement of intent within 100 words.
- A duly filled Excel dossier in the format prescribed by FIP, which can be downloaded from the FIP website

Note: Sequential images of an event is NOT coherence

See section 4 for further details.

EFIP/Platinum (Nature) Distinction

One can apply after one year of obtaining EFIP/g (Nature)

Candidate must submit the following:

- A portfolio of 15 new nature digital images with coherence. These works must be different and not resemble or be similar to those submitted for the candidate's EFIP/g (Nature) distinction.
- Viewing plan of the portfolio pictures.
- A statement of intent within 100 words.
- A duly filled Excel dossier in the format prescribed by FIP, which can be downloaded from the FIP website.

Note: Sequential images of an event is NOT coherence

See section 4 for further details.

Jury panel of 3 senior photographers will decide the outcome of EFIP/g (Nature), EFIP/p (Nature) portfolios. Jury will be looking for excellent technical quality, pictorial attribute, subject handling, and strong coherence in the portfolio.

MFIP Distinction

One can apply after three years of obtaining FFIP or EFIP distinction.

Candidate must submit:

- A portfolio of 20 digital images with coherence. These works must be different and not resemble or be similar to those submitted for the candidate's EFIP/g and/or EFIP/p distinction.
- Viewing plan of the portfolio pictures.
- A statement of intent with in 150 words.
- A duly filled Excel dossier in the format prescribed by FIP, which can be downloaded from the FIP website.

Note: Sequential images of an event is NOT coherence

See section 4 for further details.

MFIP (Nature) Distinction

One can apply for MFIP (Nature) distinction after three years of obtaining FFIP or EFIP distinction.

Candidate must submit:

- A portfolio of 20 digital images with coherence . These works must be different and not resemble or be similar to those submitted for his/her EFIP/g (Nature) and/or EFIP/p (Nature) distinction.
- Viewing plan of the portfolio pictures.
- A statement of intent within 150 words.
- A duly filled Excel dossier in the format prescribed by FIP, which can be downloaded from the FIP website.

Note: Sequential images of an event is NOT coherence.

See section 4 for further details.

Jury panel of 5 senior photographers will decide the outcome of MFIP/MFIP (Nature) portfolios. Jury will be looking for excellent technical quality, pictorial attribute, subject handling, and strong coherence in the portfolio.

ESFIP Distinction

Individuals who have distinguished themselves in service to FIP, rather than a specific club, are eligible for this distinction. A brief letter of contribution is requested, as well as a proposal seconded by two FIP life members. There is no fee and no handling charge.

ESFIPC Distinction

This is available to FIP Corporate clubs who have rendered distinguished services to FIP with uninterrupted membership for last 10 years. Proposed and seconded by two Corporate Clubs along with brief history and letter in support to be sent to Hon. Secretary General. There is no fee and no handling charge.

4. Application Requirements

- a) Dully filled dossier (Excel form), which can be downloaded from the FIP website

URL: <https://www.fip.org.in/fipwebT/public/downloads>

Dossier (Excel form) must be named in the following format:

FIP/Corporate membership number_First name_Last name_Distinction sought.

(Example: LM692_Barun_Sinha_AFIP)

- b) Images required as per the distinction criteria must comply to the following specifications: 2400 pixels on the longer side, 300 DPI, Below 2MB, RGB color space.

Each image file must be named in the following format:

FIP/Corporate membership number_First name_Last name_title of work

(Example : LM692_Barun_Sinha_Lion on Hillock)

- c. Self-portrait color photo (768px on the longer side, 300dpi) to be used for the identity card.
File Name must be in the following format:
FIP/Corporate membership number_First name_Last name (Example: LM692_Barun_Sinha)
- d. Distinction Fee payment details (Screen shot of transaction or Transaction ID and date of payment)
- Note: EFIP and above applicants must provide proof of previous distinction if asked for verification.**

5. Applicable Fees

Indian Members

For AFIP distinction: ₹ 4000/-

For EFIP/GFIP/GFIP Levels distinction: ₹ 5000/-

For EFIP/Gold EFIP/Gold Nature distinction: ₹ 7000/-

For EFIP/Platinum, EFIP/Platinum (nature) distinction : ₹ 1000/-

For MFIP/MFIP(Nature) distinction : ₹ 7500/-

Applicants who were not successful in achieving EFIP Levels, EFIP Nature Levels, MFIP, or MFIP Nature in 2023 and 2024 can reapply for the same distinction with a different portfolio at a reduced application fee.

EFIP Levels and EFIP Nature Levels: 1000/-

MFIP and MFIP (Nature): 1500/-

Payment should be made through Online transfer to the following account:

Beneficiary Name: Federation of Indian Photography

Bank: Indian Bank

Branch: Salt Lake GD Market Branch

Account Type: Savings

Account No: 50381789520

IFS Code: IDIB000S549

Branch Address: GD 377 and 378, Salt Lake Sector III Kolkata, West Bengal - 700106

MICR no: 70001928

Note: We do not accept cheque.

Overseas Members:

Membership Fee for 3 years: USD 50.00

For AFIP distinction: USD 80.00

For EFIP distinction: USD 80.00

For GFIP, GFIP Levels, EFIP/Gold, EFIP/Platinum, EFIP/g (Nature), EFIP/p (Nature), and MFIP distinction: USD 100.00 each.

Payment Method: PayPal (Please pay via PayPal only)

PayPal ID: federationofindianphotography@gmail.com

Please note that applications without the required fee will not be considered.

For more details contact:

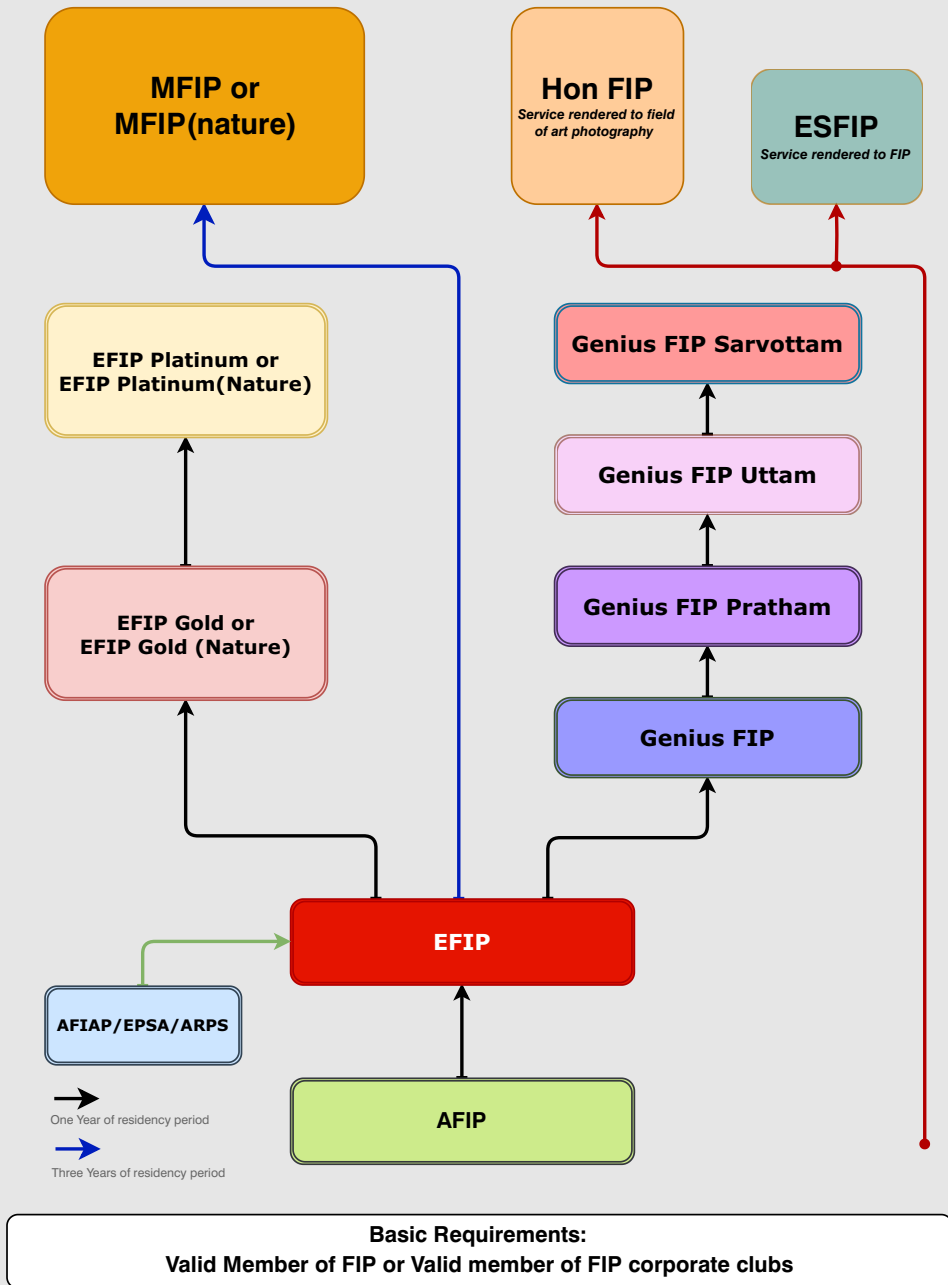
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The Viewing Plan

The Viewing Plan Image is an introductory & supplementary image of your portfolio of works indicating how to visualise the individual works as a portfolio.

The first image that the jury see is the Viewing Plan image along with your Statement of Intent. It should showcase your portfolio as a whole and complement your Statement of Intent, making a good first impression on the jury.

The Viewing Plan image is the backbone of entire portfolio. It should not just be a jumble of photographs placed in some random order. It should be cohesive, consistent, balanced. Consider tonal balance and colour, as well as how each image fits in with the ones those come before and after it in the sequence.

A grey or muted colour background is typically more effective because it does not disturb/overpower the pictures.

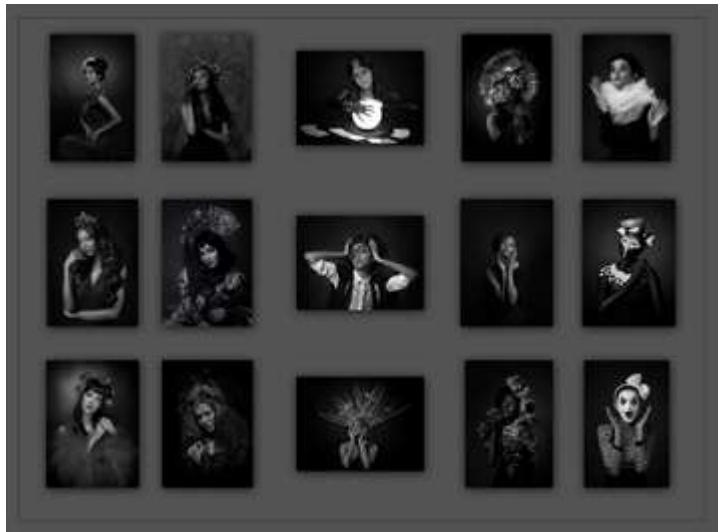
All photos must fit on a single page (jpg format) with a width of 1920 pixels or a height of 1080 pixels. A file size of no more than 2 MB is preferred.

An appealing viewing plan image can be enhanced by neatness, balance and attention to detail.

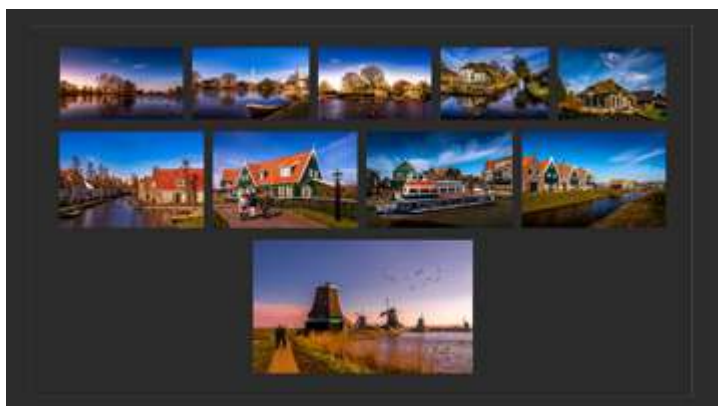
The application will be refused if the applicant's name, exif data, copyright symbol, logo, or any other identifying mark or the title of the Portfolio, title of the individual photograph is displayed on the Viewing Plan image.



An example of MFIP Viewing plan © Pinku Dey, EFIAP/b, MFIP



An example of EFIP/p Viewing plan © Suman Saha, EFIAP/d1, EFIP/p



An example of EFIP/g Viewing plan © Anitha Mysore, EFIAP/g, EFIP/p, MPSA, GPUCR-4, FAPS, EIUP, c***MoL