

# Student snapper takes top award

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A SUTTON photography student has put herself on the front row when it comes to camera work after winning an international competition.

Nicola Ferguson, aged 31, who is studying at Sandwell College, has been named international student fashion photographer of the year by the organisers of Miami Beach Fashion Week.

Her vintage style images, which gave a nod to Twiggy's iconic look, caught the eye of the judges and her work will now be on display at the event next week.

Nicola said: "This is amazing – you enter these things, but you never expect to win.

"I love fashion and I follow all the fashion weeks like London and New York, so when I saw this competition I thought I'd give it a go.

"I think I might have won because the images are distinctly British.

"I wanted to practice with my new camera, so I took them near to Birmingham Central Library and the surrounding streets and we used street signs and red phone boxes in the shots.

"It will help with my study and with my business as a fashion and wedding photographer because I get inspiration from fashion in my other work. The two go hand in hand."

Nicola says she has always loved photography and always has her camera with her when she is out and about. She is completing her college course to rubber stamp her creative talents.

As part of her prize Nicola has



**One of the eye-catching images by Nicola Ferguson that helped her win the title of international student fashion photographer of the year at Miami Beach Fashion Week.**

been invited to participate in a photo shoot alongside celebrity photographer Gio Almo, who has worked for American publications such as Maxim.

Nicola is hoping it will help boost her burgeoning business doing professional fashion and wedding photography.

Nicola said: "I'm so excited. I've never actually seen how other photographers work, so it will be interesting to see how he goes about things and interacts with people."

You can see more of Nicola's work at [www.daffodilwaves.co.uk](http://www.daffodilwaves.co.uk)