

A scenic photograph of a mountain range at sunset. The sky is a warm orange, and the mountains are silhouetted against it. In the foreground, a dark, rocky ridge is visible. The number '45' is prominently displayed in a yellow box on the left side of the image.

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PLACES TO FIND
PHOTOGRAPHY JOBS
IN 2021

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Introduction

Last year, amid the coronavirus pandemic, photographers accounted for some of the hardest-hit professionals in the creative industry. Still, amid unprecedented circumstances, many invested their time into revamping their businesses, undertaking new projects and learning new skills. 2021 is shaping up to be a time of renewed hope, resilience and opportunity. Today, photographers' goals look quite different than they did a year ago. Instead of traveling across the world or buying the latest gear, many might be taking stock and seeking opportunities.

This guide includes 45 places around the world where photographers can browse job openings, book clients and expand their networks. We've included job boards with full-time listings, websites for part-time job-hunters, booking services and more. You'll find creative networking platforms and inspiring groups; you'll discover searchable databases and curated newsletters. We've linked to all of them for easy access. Keep this list bookmarked and add your own resources as you go.

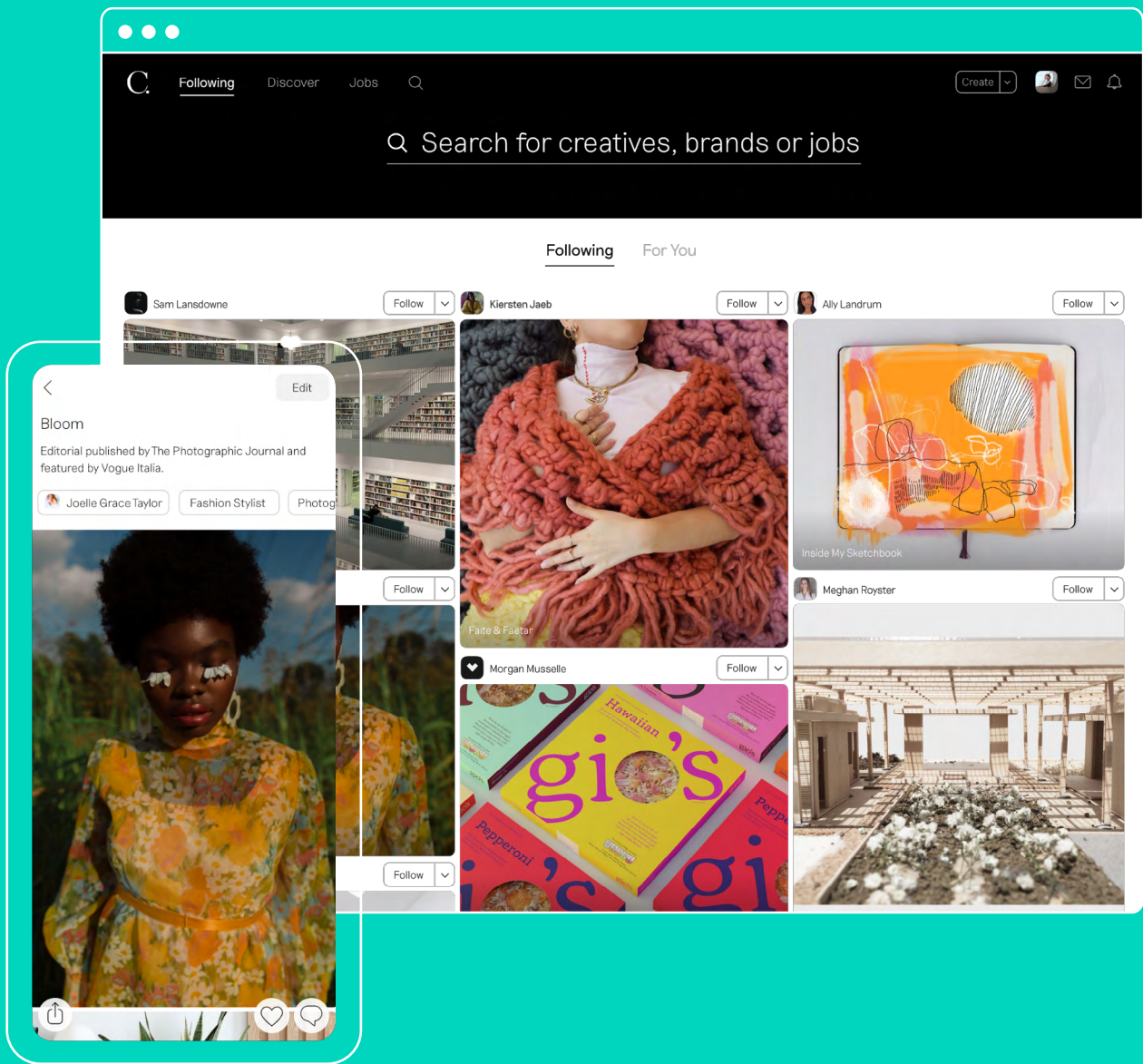


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PLATFORMS TO JOIN

Unlike traditional job boards, these feature sites and platforms allow you to upload your portfolio, showcase your work and get the attention of potential clients.

We recommend signing up, applying, becoming a member and/or creating an account to take full advantage of their offerings. In some cases, anyone can join, and in others, you might have to apply to join a more curated community.



Creatively

Creatively is entirely free to individual creatives, all of whom can use the platform to showcase their portfolios, network and explore full-time and freelance jobs.

“Once a creative signs up and builds out their portfolio, they can apply directly to any jobs that interest them,” the Creatively team explains. “Our mission is to help creatives find work. Creatively has 150+ brands on our platform and we post new job listings regularly. We also spotlight a diverse selection of creatives via our email newsletter as well as our content franchises on Instagram, where you can find us at [@hellocreatively](#).”

[Join Creatively to get more information.](#)

The Luupe

Founded by photo and tech industry veteran Keren Sachs, The Luupe is a platform and community that facilitates collaboration between womxn photographers and some of today's biggest brands.

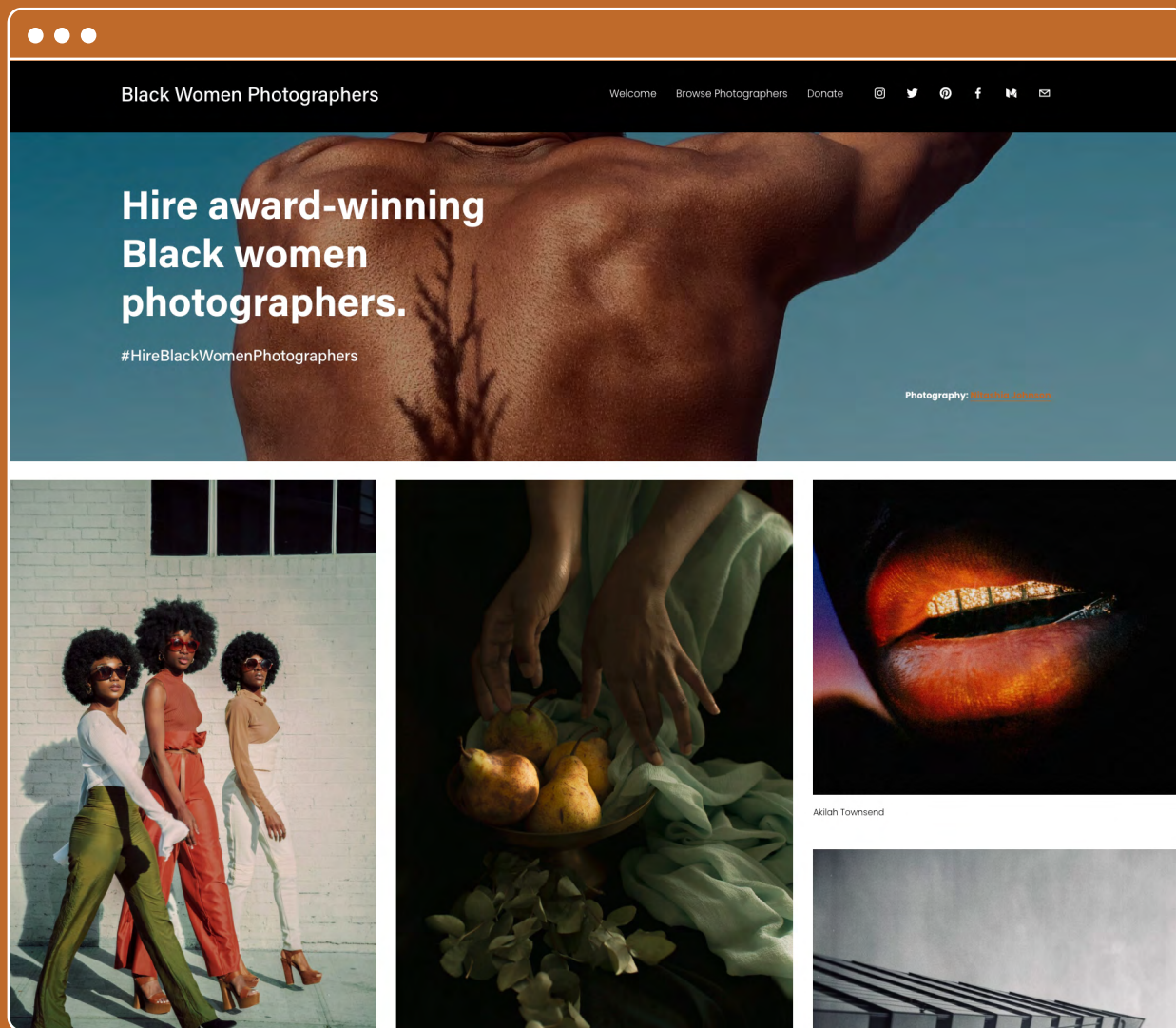
"We connect them based on what's the ideal fit for the story the brand wants to tell," Sachs explains. "Using our creative brief tool, clients can clarify their needs, vision, and goals before we step in to make the right relationship happen."

"Ultimately, we facilitate everything in the production process – from the client to the brief, finding the perfect photographer, negotiating the project rate, licensing, and making tools available that simplify the content review process (watermarking, making selects, retouching etc.) Beyond licensing and production, we've created an active community where photographers can share stories, insights and advice on everything from how to better work with clients to technical tips."

The Luupe is a specially curated community. They accept [applications from photographers on an ongoing basis](#). Consider following them on Instagram [@theluupe](#) to get inspired and see what their community of photographers are up to.

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Black Women Photographers

Black Women Photographers is a global database and community spotlighting the work of Black women and non-binary photographers, created by Brooklyn-based photographer Polly Irungu.

With over 500 photographers listed worldwide, the database is regularly searched by curators, editors and more. Plus, the community is home to tons of career resources, including grants, portfolio reviews and interviews with industry leaders.

Any and all Black women and non-binary photographers who elect to be submitted can be highlighted in the database. Members of the community have photographed covers for ESSENCE as well as features with Genius and other major publications.

[Join the Black Women Photographers community.](#)

The Girlgaze Network

The Girlgaze Network is a digital platform connecting a curated global community of womxn and non-binary creatives with pre-approved companies. Photographers complete an application and then are contacted if accepted.

Once approved, you can showcase your portfolio, gain access to freelance, full-time, and project-based opportunities, and get discovered through the network.

[Learn more about the Girlgaze Network.](#)





Working Not Working

Working Not Working is a curated community of full-time and freelance creative professionals. Companies that use WNW include Apple, Google, Facebook, Nike, Netflix and *The New York Times*, to name a few.

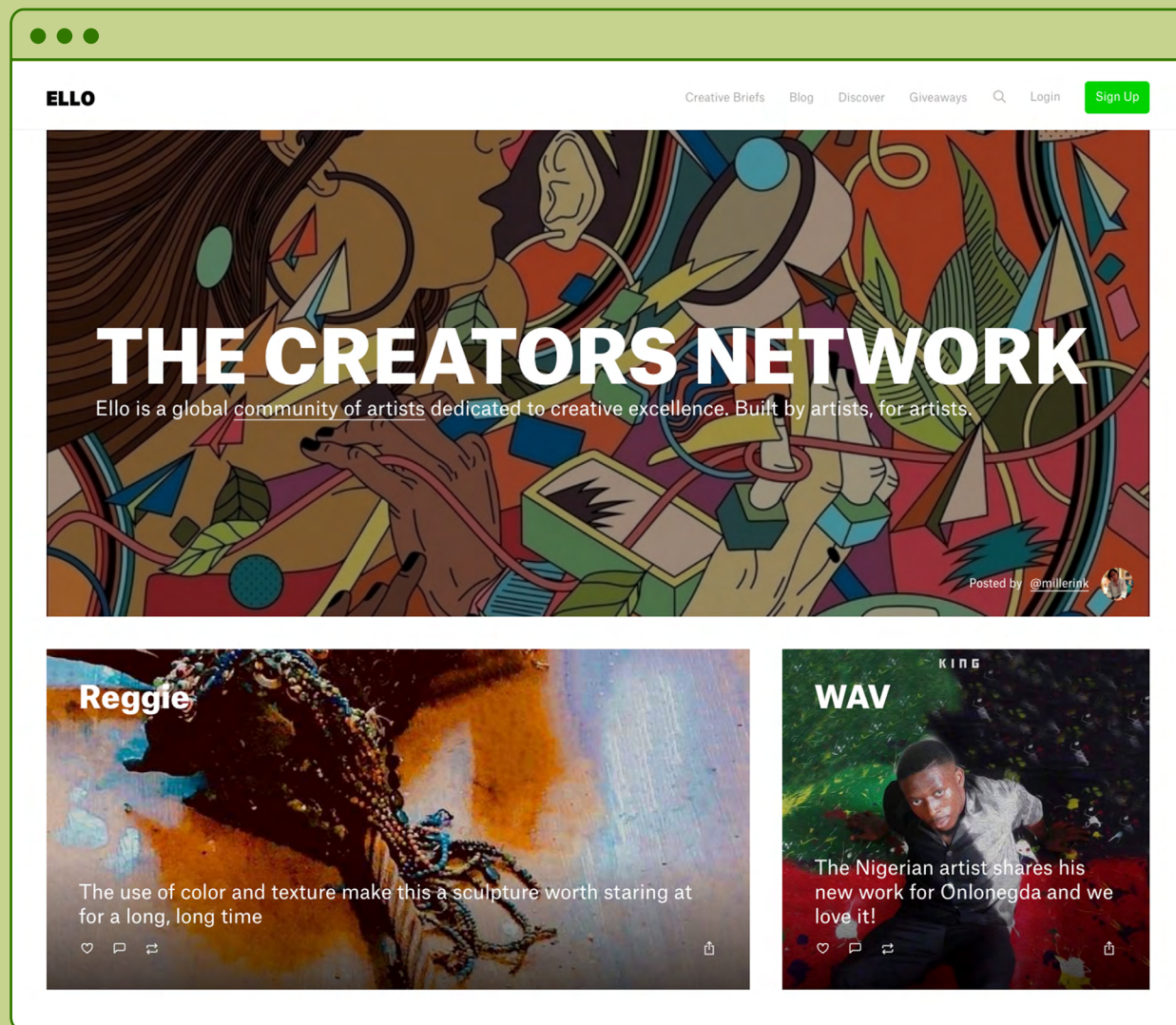
It's free for creatives, and we love that they don't take fees or commissions on the work you book through the platform. Prospective creatives can [apply for membership here](#).

The Dots

The Dots connects businesses with creatives, with an emphasis on creativity and inclusion. It's completely free to use and has over 600,000 current members. Head to their [jobs board](#) to find everything from full-time, part-time, remote, freelance and internship opportunities.

The Dots' [Asks Hub](#) is also a great place to find collaborators and to post (or respond to) opportunities by community members, ranging from paid work to volunteer and exciting collaboration opportunities.





Ello

Ello is a publishing and collaboration platform for artists. Their Creative Brief technology connects their community of artists with publishers, brands and agencies. These real-time creative briefs are open to submissions from members of the community; a panel of judges then selects a winner.

The incentive depends on the brief, but selected artists are often paid to have their work featured across marketing campaigns. In the past, they've had briefs for photographers from brands like Miller Lite and Getty Images.

[Take a look at Ello's Creative Briefs.](#)

ASMP

The American Society of Media Photographers (ASMP) has a few great resources available to members, including [Find a Photographer](#) and [Find an Assistant](#).

“These databases of members are easily searchable and known in the industry, so art buyers or out-of-town clients can find photographers in a specific area,” Liam Alexander, the President of ASMP NY, says. “The same goes for photographers looking for assistants.”

Only professional members are listed on Find a Photographer, but members of any level can be listed on Find an Assistant.





African Photojournalism Database

The African Photojournalism Database is a joint initiative launched by the [World Press Photo Foundation](#) and [Everyday Africa](#) to connect photographers and visual journalists with international media. The directory is currently home to more than 500 news photographers, photojournalists and documentary photographers. Professionals ranging from editors to creative and art directors looking to hire photographers from Africa all look here.

If you're a national of one of the 55 African countries and report on cultural, economic, environmental, political and social issues; sports or nature stories; or the photography of daily life, you can [apply to become a member](#). Submissions are reviewed monthly.

Photo by [Yassine Alaoui Ismaili \(Yoriyas\)](#), Morocco, African Photojournalism Database member

Bobnet

Calling all music photographers, this one's specific to music professionals.

"When we receive notice of an available opening, the job is posted to the site, and members are alerted via email that a new job is posted for viewing," Bob Davis, the creator of Bobnet, tells us. "Those jobs are typically filled within a few days. We have posted many times for photographers (and videographers). Some are touring positions, traveling with bands. Some are static shoots, as needed."

Seeing the Job Posts on Bobnet requires a membership and you need to be approved before you can join; check out the details [here](#).



Twine

Twine connects freelancers, including photographers, with potential clients. “It’s totally free to sign up, and photographers can sign up over on our [sign up page](#),” the team tells us. “From here, they’ll be able to set up a profile (by adding a profile picture and a bio), add their skills and build out their portfolio.”

“From there, freelancers are able to view (and pitch on) all freelance jobs over on our [jobs board](#). All pitches are manually vetted by our customer success team, providing valuable feedback on how to optimize their pitches and win more work in the future.

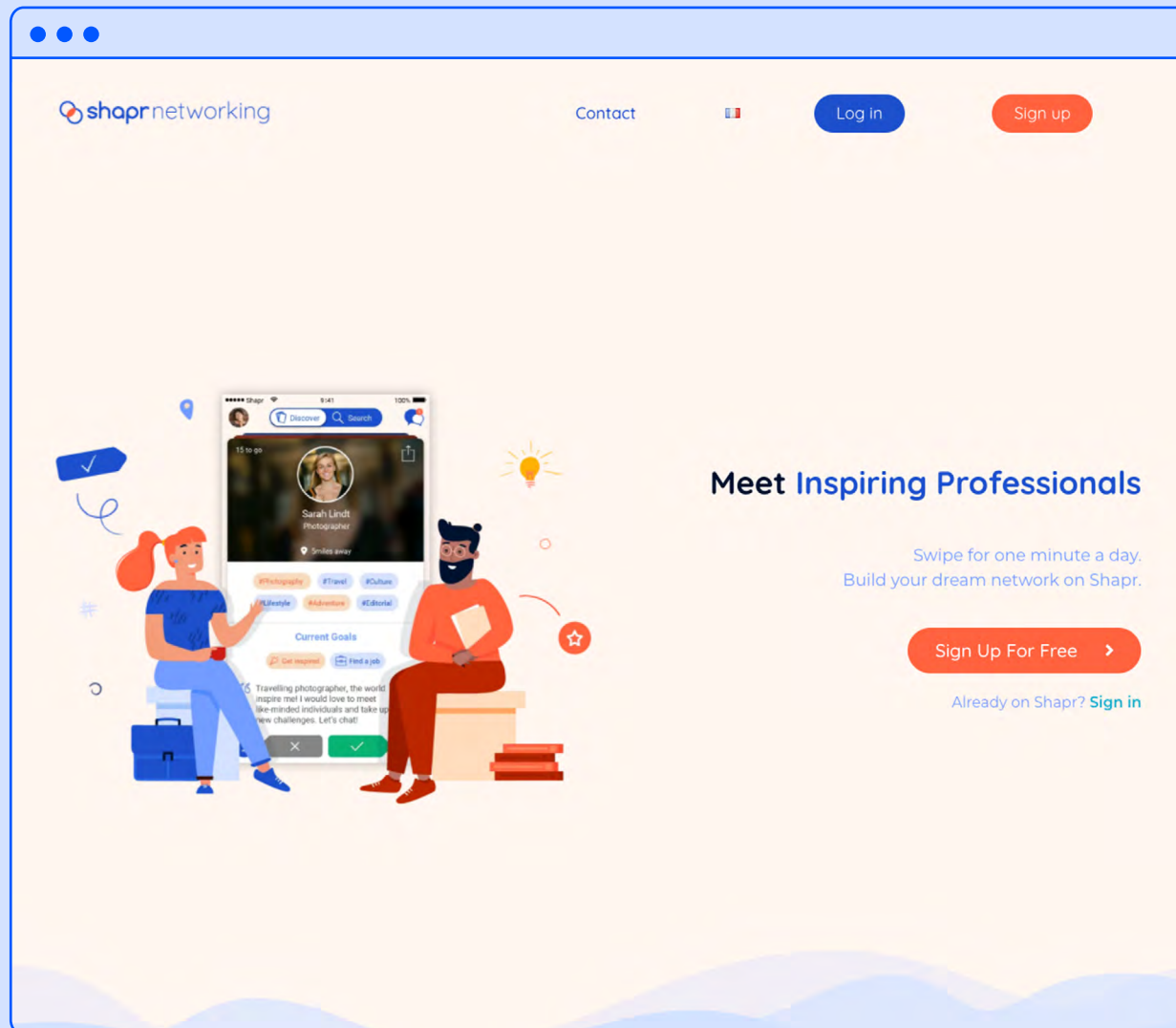
“If the job is location-specific or requires a niche skill set, our customer success team will generally get in touch with suitable freelancers on the platform and invite them to pitch on the job. Freelancers can pitch on up to fifteen jobs per month; however, a Twine pro membership (\$7.49 p/mo) allows freelancers to pitch on up to 50 jobs.”

Creativepool

Creativepool is a global network of creative industry professionals; [you can sign up for a free individual account](#) to showcase your work, make connections, apply to jobs and more.

Currently, we're seeing job listings for photographers in London, Manchester, Kolkata and beyond.





Shapr

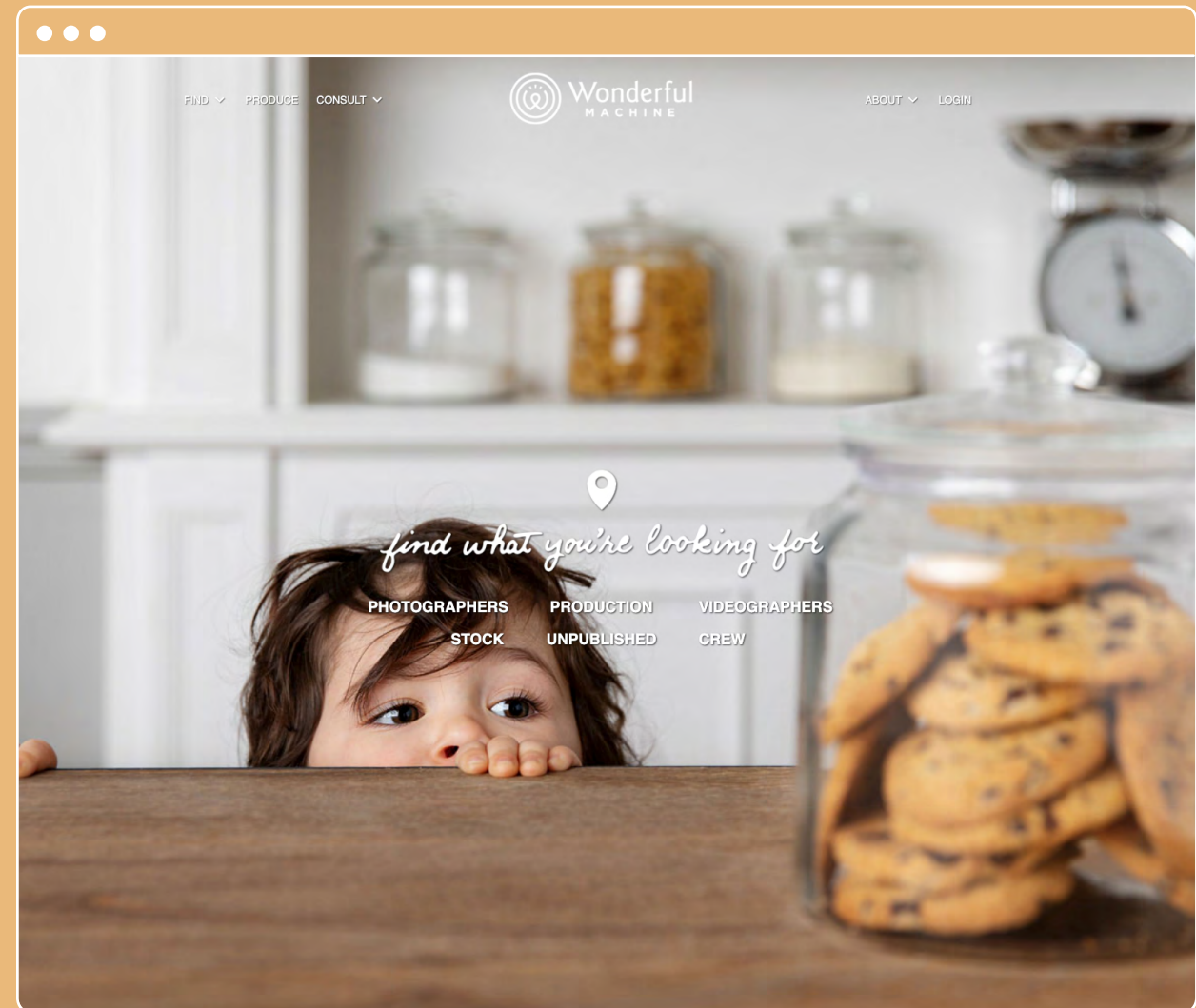
A networking app for all sorts of professionals, Shapr has a search tab specifically for photographers. Users are connected with ten to fifteen like-minded professionals every day, based on your interests and location; if you're interested in working with someone, you swipe right.

See more information and sign up for Shapr [here](#).

Wonderful Machine

Wonderful Machine, a preeminent art production agency, has a network of more than 600 photographers across 44 countries and serves clients around the world. For commercial photographers, they provide powerful marketing support, empowering them to connect and network.

Wonderful Machine charges an affordable monthly fee for a listing on their site, and for an additional fee, they offer help with photo editing, branding, marketing, shoot production and beyond. Benefits of membership include a directory listing, portfolio events with clients, spotlight emailers, press and blog posts, consulting services and lots more. To apply for membership, photographers can send an email to photo.editors@wonderfulmachine.com with their exact locations and a link to their websites.





The H Hub

If you're interested in working with food and beverage brands, then The H Hub is for you. Their mission is to help talented photographers find work with the top start-up food and beverage brands in the country. A curated community, you'll need to [apply](#) using your basic information, a portfolio of at least 10 images, your social media accounts and more.

As of March 2021, they report that creatives in their community have made \$645,000 in the last year. Get the attention of brands like Kashi, Yelp, Goldish, Recess and more.

NEWSLETTERS, BLOGS, AND SOCIAL MEDIA GROUPS

Aside from traditional job boards and networking platforms, we also want to include some newsletters, blogs and Facebook groups you can join for job postings, industry news and more. Below, you'll find resources you can sign up to have delivered straight to your inbox – or social media feed.

ilovecreatives

Photographers can apply to create a profile on the ilovecreatives directory, where potential clients can browse and find you directly. It costs \$40 to [apply](#) and the process is pretty quick; it takes about an hour or so to craft the perfect profile.

Since 2014, ilovecreatives has been sending out a newsletter every Wednesday, with a list of jobs and events. Subscribe to get new jobs sent right to your inbox. They also offer courses on everything from video editing to Instagram planning.





The Lede

The Lede is a newsletter by Kiara Joseph, who curates postings from company websites, LinkedIn, ZipRecruiter, Indeed, Glassdoor and more. [Sign up for the newsletter](#) to see the hand-picked jobs in journalism, marketing and corporate fields, including positions for photojournalists.

In the past, the newsletter has featured jobs for publications like *Bloomberg* and *Insider*.

Inside The Newsroom Job Board

Inside The Newsroom is run by Daniel Levitt, a journalist for *The Wall Street Journal*. They provide a jobs and internships board with more than 1,300 journalism jobs and internships in the US, UK and Canada, including many photo positions.

Inside The Newsroom has been kind enough to offer Feature Shoot and PhotoShelter readers a 50% discount. It works out at £2.00 (\$2.50) for a monthly subscription or £17 (\$22.50) for an annual subscription. Additionally, they also offer CV/resume and cover letter reviews.

[Sign up here.](#)





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Jamie's List

Jamie's List is a blog for photographers, multimedia and creative content providers, run by the COO and co-founder of Momenta Group, LLC. [Here](#), you'll find job postings, upcoming events, gallery openings, grant opportunities and tons more.

We recommend checking back regularly for updates.

Photography/Multimedia Internships and Jobs

This private group on Facebook frequently shares internship and job postings related to photography/visual multimedia. You'll have to [request to join the group](#), but they have opportunities posted for local and national magazines, newspapers and more.

Opportunities range from full-time staff photographers at weeklies and fellowships at international newspapers.

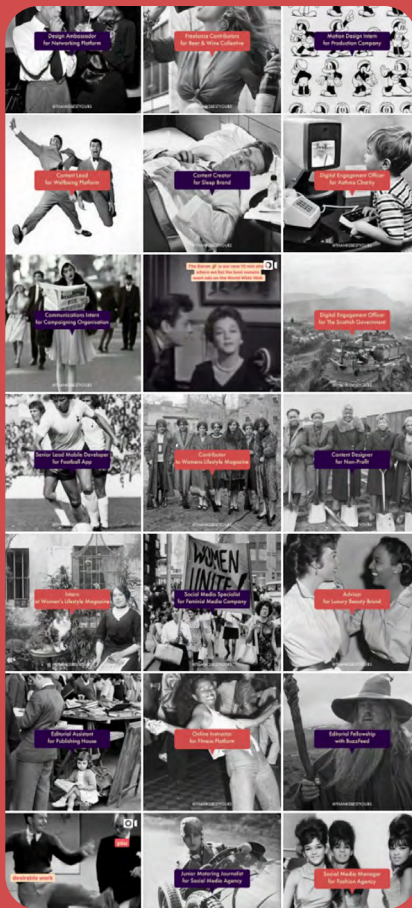


Thanks, Best, Yours

Thanks, Best, Yours, (a play on email sign offs!) feature remote job listings on the web for those who want to get their foot in the door of any industry. They include plenty of photo-related positions like photo editor, video editor and photo retouching jobs. Every listing is hand-picked and curated from job sites around the web by their team every Monday and uploaded to Instagram.

They also host a show called “The Bacon” on the [Clubhouse app](#) every Monday (via @imakecontent on Clubhouse) to read their favorite listings of the week, give tips on how to get them, openly discuss the pros/cons of some positions, and occasionally feature CEOs and Founders currently looking to hire!

See current listings [here](#).



JOB BOARDS

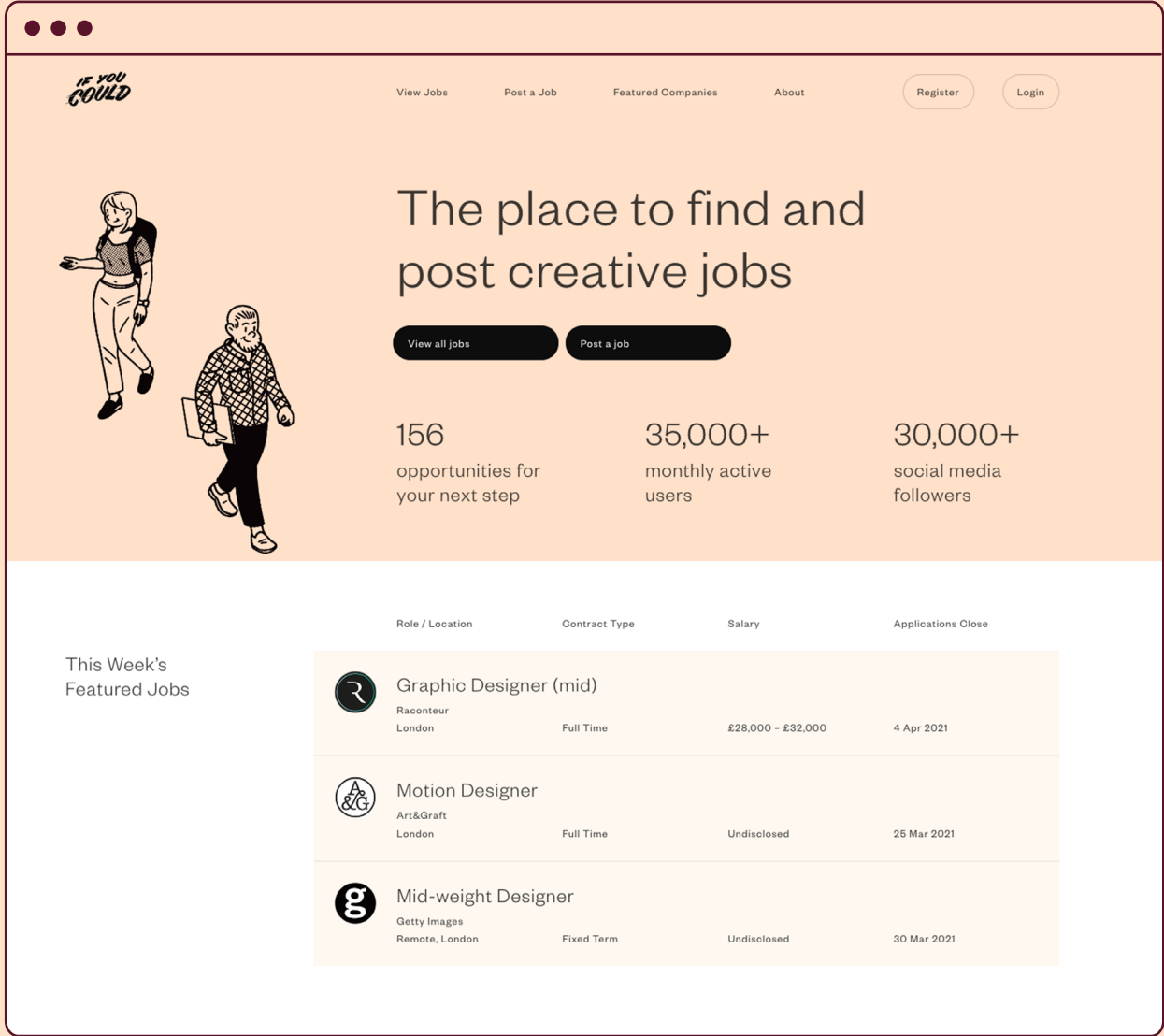
Here, you'll find searchable job boards with listings for photographers, ranging from staff photographers at newspapers to positions in fashion and beyond. You can sign up and upload your portfolio to some of these sites, but making an account isn't necessary and anyone can browse.

NYFA Classifieds

The New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA) has a classifieds section for artists, arts administrators and museum professionals. They sometimes have [job listings for photographers](#), along with [helpful tips for job seekers](#). “Our advice is that users periodically check the portal to see what listings are incoming since we approve listings every day,” the NYFA team tells us.

As of this writing, they have an opening for a gallery photographer at Lisson Gallery in New York City.





If You Could

If You Could is a **creative jobs board offering hundreds of opportunities**, from freelance to full-time. You can filter results by clicking the ‘Photography’ tab under ‘Job Role.’

As of March 2021, they have positions listed for product photographers, videographers and creative content creators (though it’s updated quite frequently).

JournalismJobs.com

Founded by Dan Rohn, a former copy editor and business writer with *The Washington Post*, JournalismJobs.com has been around since 1998. These days, it receives 2.5 to 3 million page views monthly. Listings from around the country often are looking for photojournalists and eager photographers looking for work in the news.

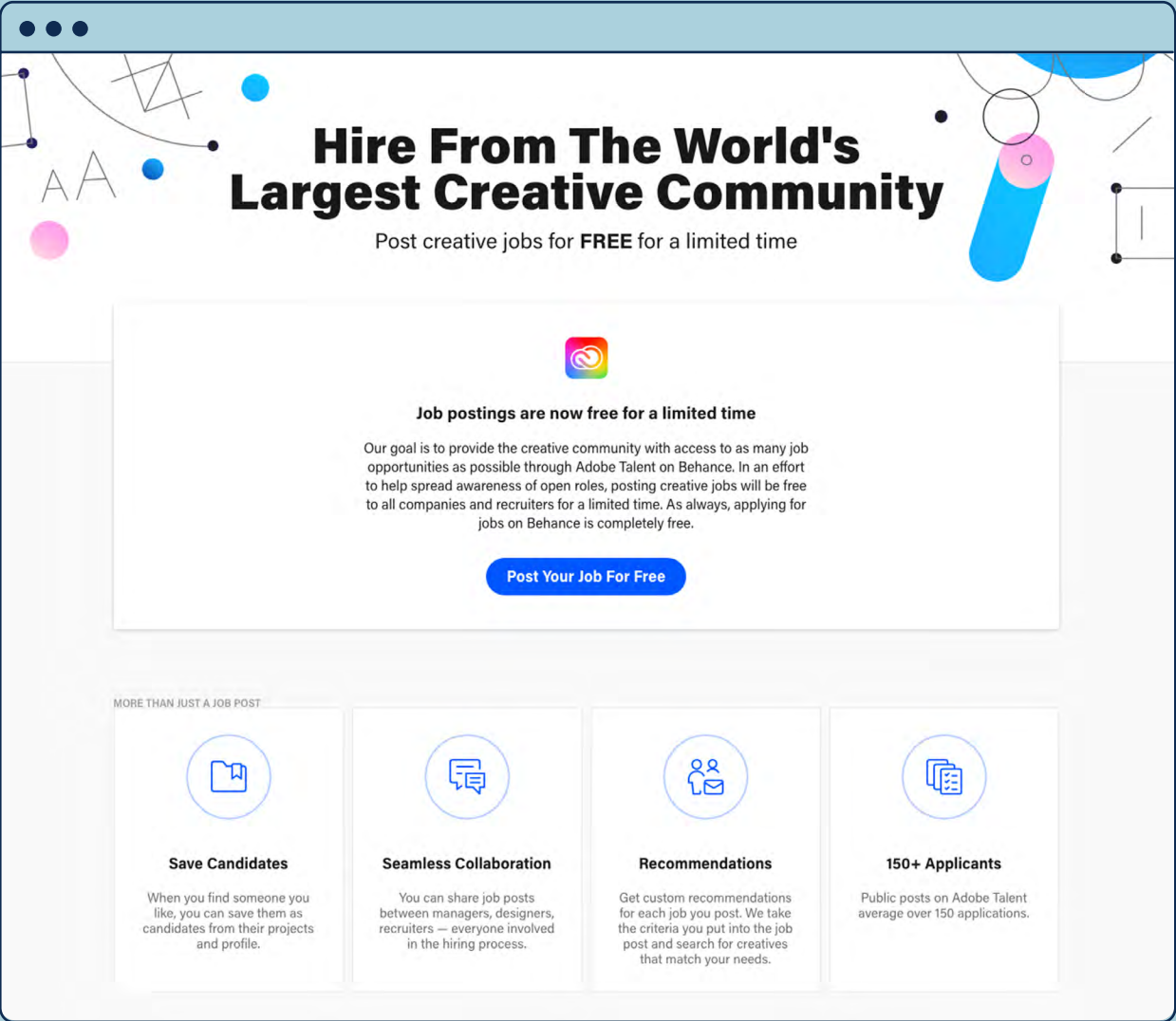
View listings and upload your resume to the site [here](#). As of this writing, they have jobs for news photographers, staff photographers, sports photographers and more.



Behance Joblist

The Behance Joblist has an [array of creative job listings](#), which you can filter by field, including Photography. If you see a job that interests you, submit your application on Behance. Applying to jobs is always free, and for a limited time, they're accepting free job postings to give the creative community as many opportunities as possible.

The Adobe-owned social media platform is also a place to showcase your portfolio and connect with other creatives. Current listings include product and lifestyle photography jobs.



Media Job Board

Editor & Publisher, Poynter Institute, and America's Newspapers created this job board to highlight jobs in the media industry. They've recently had listings ranging from summer camp photographers to news photographers and product photographers. Job-seekers can [upload their resumes](#) to be matched with potential employers.



Krop

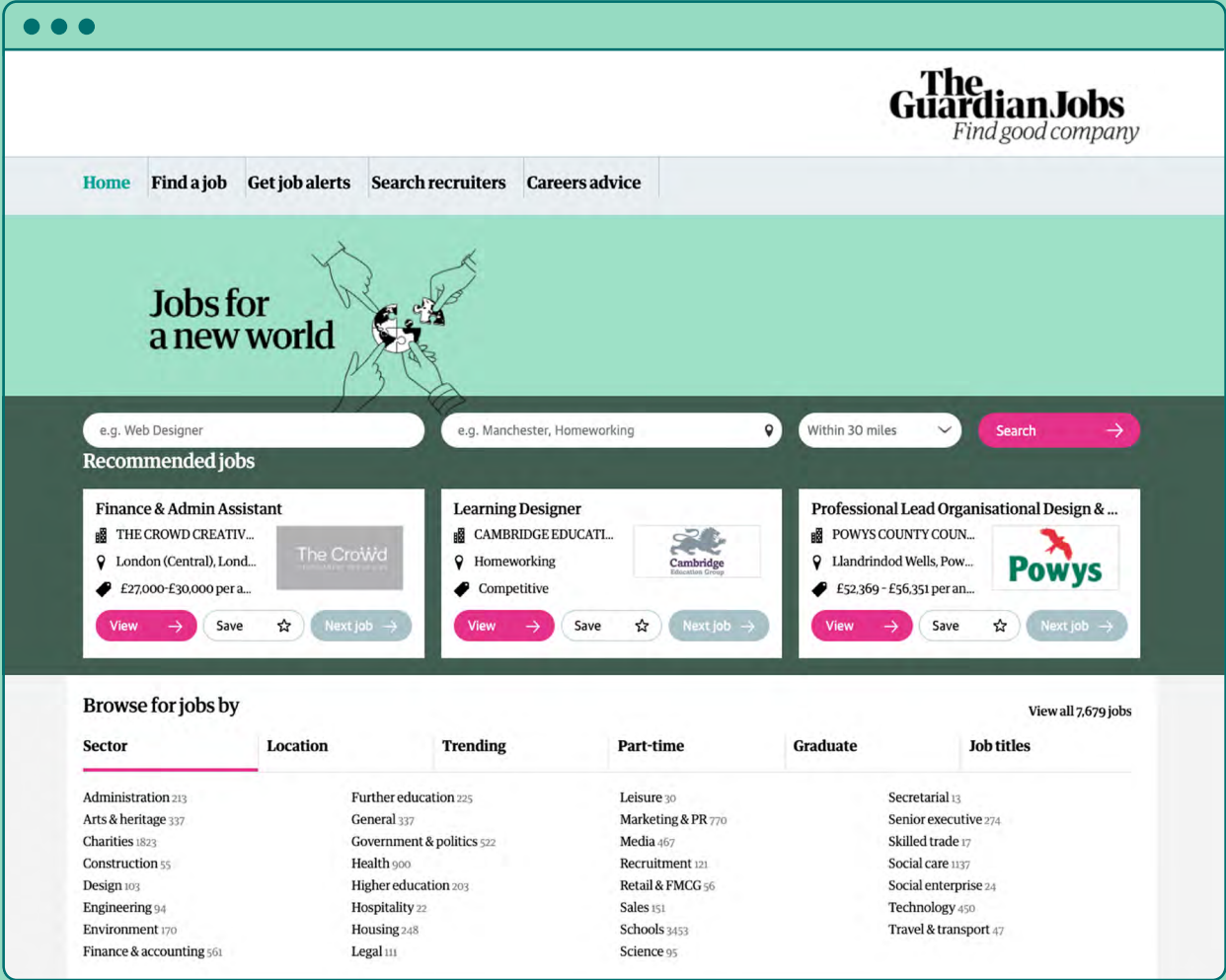
A portfolio hosting platform for creative professionals, Krop **features photography jobs**, among others, on their job board. “After a job is posted, our system will automatically send notifications to job seekers matching that field,” the customer care team tells us. “Our job board is public and photographers don't have to be Krop users to browse our job postings.”

At the time of writing, there are available positions for product, family, architectural, news photographers and more.

Guardian Jobs

Job-seekers can **upload their CV** to Guardian Jobs and let employers match you to their jobs. There’s also an option to **sign up for personalized job recommendations** and have them sent straight to your inbox. They have listings across many industries, including Design, Arts & Heritage, Media and more.

Positions at galleries, museums and charitable organizations are common. Photography-related jobs vary depending on when you browse; current listings for remote film editing and video production.





TalentZoo

TalentZoo is a virtual job board and recruiting website specializing in advertising, new media, marketing and technology. You can [upload your profile and resume](#) to the site or search jobs.

Current job postings include spots for videographers, photographers and photo art directors.

The Muse

This New York City-based career platform offers expert advice and job searches. Their [job listings](#) regularly include positions for photo editors, photo coordinators, stylists, production assistants, video editors and photographers.





Mediabistro

Mediabistro is a [job board](#) for media and creative professionals, including photographers.

As of this writing, they have positions for photographers at companies like NBCUniversal, plus jobs for automotive photographers, event photographers and photo editors.

CrunchBoard

This job board from TechCrunch regularly features tech and internet-related positions, but they also have listings for photographers. As of this writing, available positions include those for real estate photographers, in-house fashion photographers and multimedia journalists.

See all available jobs [here](#).





NPPA Job Bank

This job bank has opportunities in visual journalism, available exclusively to members of the The National Press Photographers Association (NPPA). [Their listings](#) especially appeal to experienced journalists, students or emerging professionals.

Note that this is the only job board in this section that isn't accessible to everyone.

Art Jobs

Art Jobs has a bit of everything, from jobs in galleries and museums to positions in schools and libraries. Current photography-related openings include several jobs for educators, including teaching artists and arts instructors.

You can find their current job listings [here](#).





Film Crew Jobs

This job site, created by and for people working in film, [posts new jobs regularly](#) for photographers based in New York City, Los Angeles, Boston, Seattle, Toronto, London and other popular creative hubs. They have a variety of photo-related jobs at any given moment and offer everything from per diem gigs to full-time work.

Early 2021 listings include spots for a news photographer at CBS Television, a real estate videographer and a set photographer for an indie film.

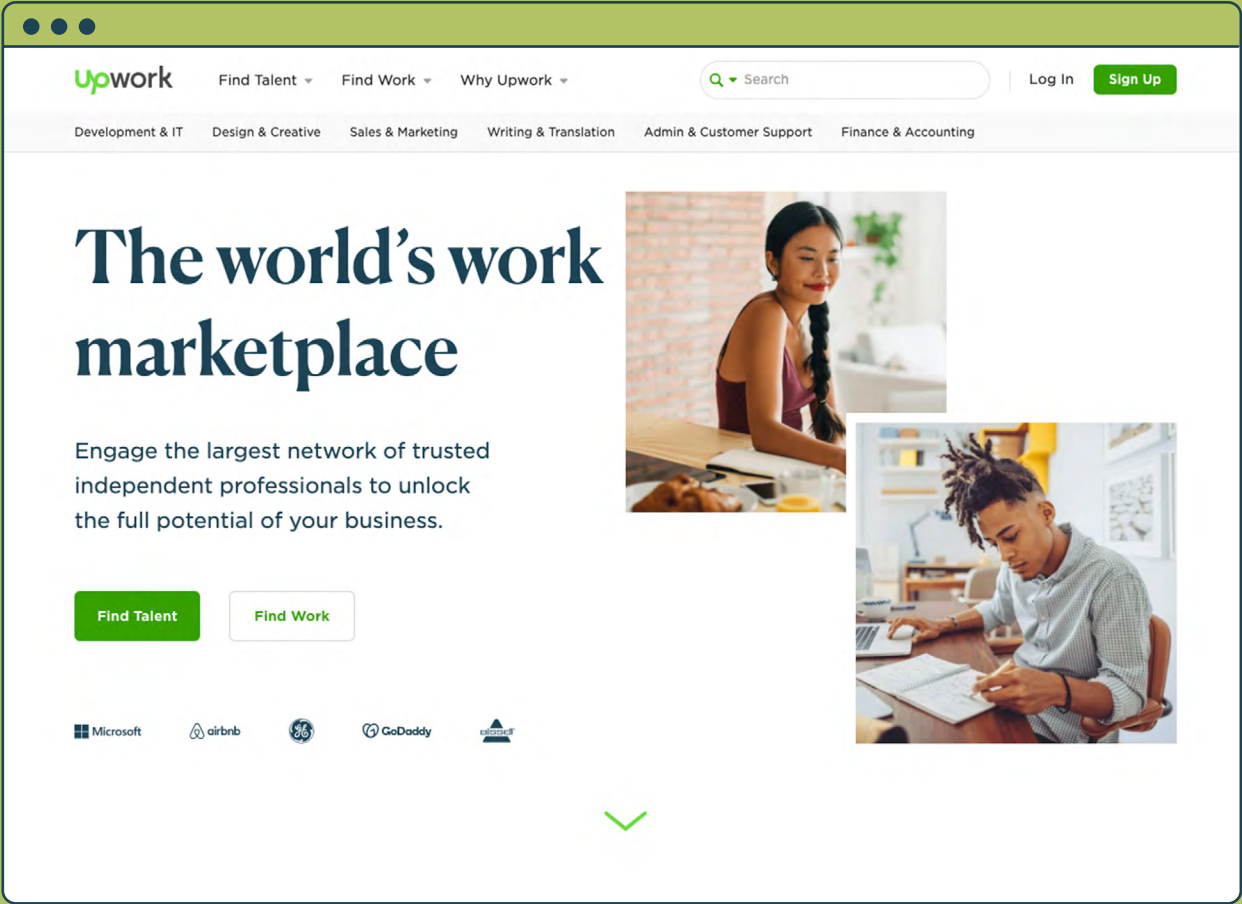
GENERAL FREELANCE AND JOB SITES

Of course we had to include the giants of the freelance world. While many of them aren't exclusively for photographers, you can generally find an array of photo-related jobs on these sites at any given time so we think they're worth keeping an eye on.

Upwork

Upwork is a legend in the freelance world, with more than 60,000 jobs posted weekly across a number of fields and industries. They regularly have listings for photographers, including jobs for product photographers, event photographers, interior photographers, retouchers and videographers.

Create a profile and they'll match you with jobs that fit. From there, you create a bid.





Freelancer

Another large freelance marketplace website, Freelancer has experts across almost every industry imaginable, including creative fields like photography. Create a profile and they'll match you with jobs that fit and you create a bid. Photography-related jobs range from corporate headshots to product photoshoots and beyond.

Find out more about [Freelancer](#).

LinkedIn ProFinder

This is another place where people can [post projects](#) and [attract freelancers](#) from all fields. They currently feature US-based freelancers specializing in Wedding Photography, Real Estate Photography, Event Photography and more.

Photographers can sign up, finesse their profiles, add recommendations, take requests and write proposals.





Guru

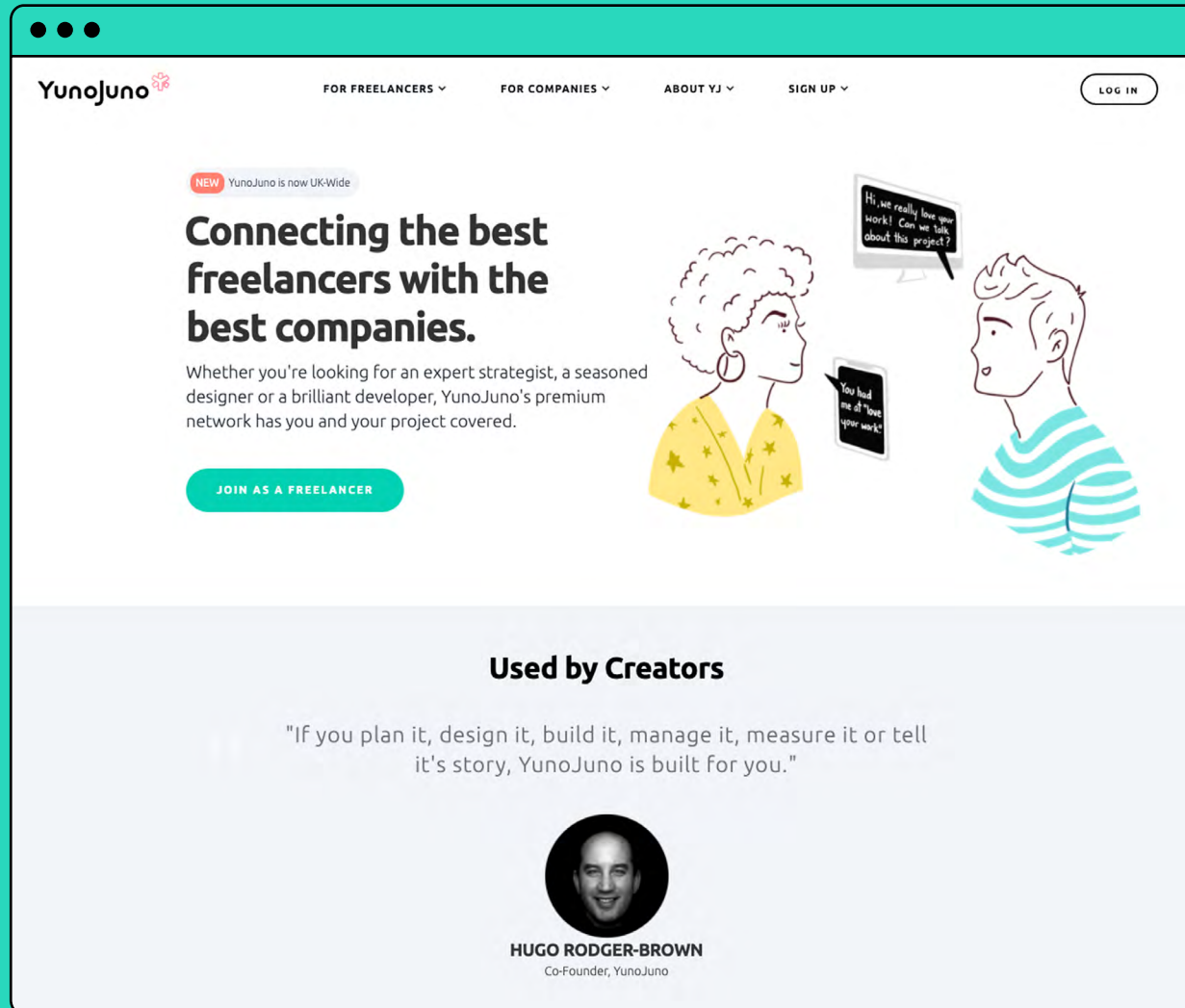
Guru is also an online marketplace connecting freelancers and employers. Freelancers can [create a profile](#), add portfolios, bid, share and collaborate. You can go with a free plan or a paid plan, depending on what you need and how many bids you want to make. They have some photography jobs listed, in addition to an array of remote post-processing and editing jobs.

PeoplePerHour

PeoplePerHour is a job site connecting businesses with freelancers of all kinds. Users can post projects in minutes and freelancers are then matched to the job.

If interested, freelancers then submit a proposal. As a freelancer, [you'll register](#) and upload your portfolio and references to start applying.





YunoJuno

YunoJuno is a UK-based marketplace for freelance creatives and tech professionals. They accept studio freelancers across several fields, including photography and retouching.

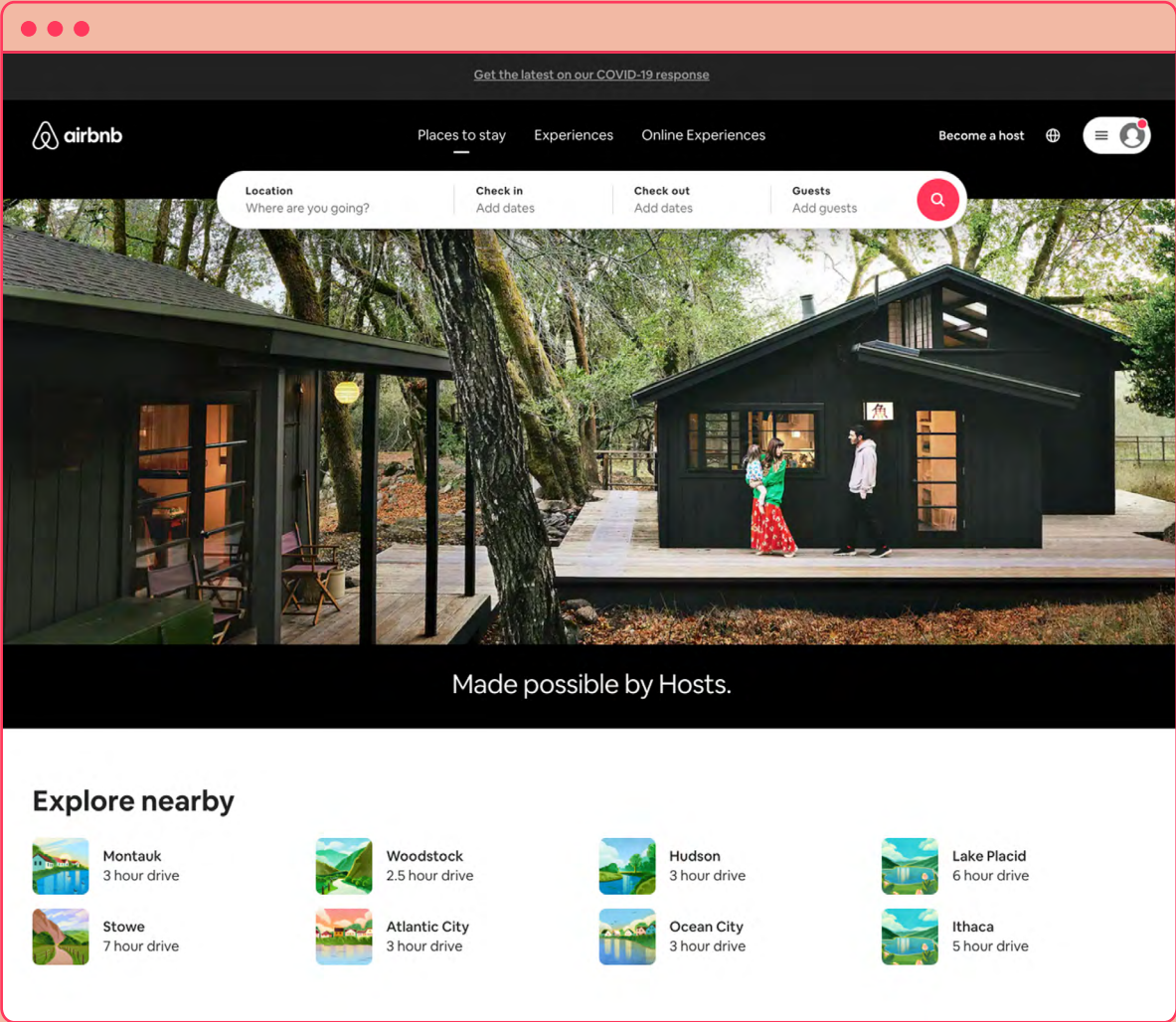
If you're eligible to work in the UK, you can [sign up here](#). Once you've created your profile, you're able to accept or apply to briefs that fit your needs. You communicate directly with the potential hirer and all invoices are paid within 14 days!

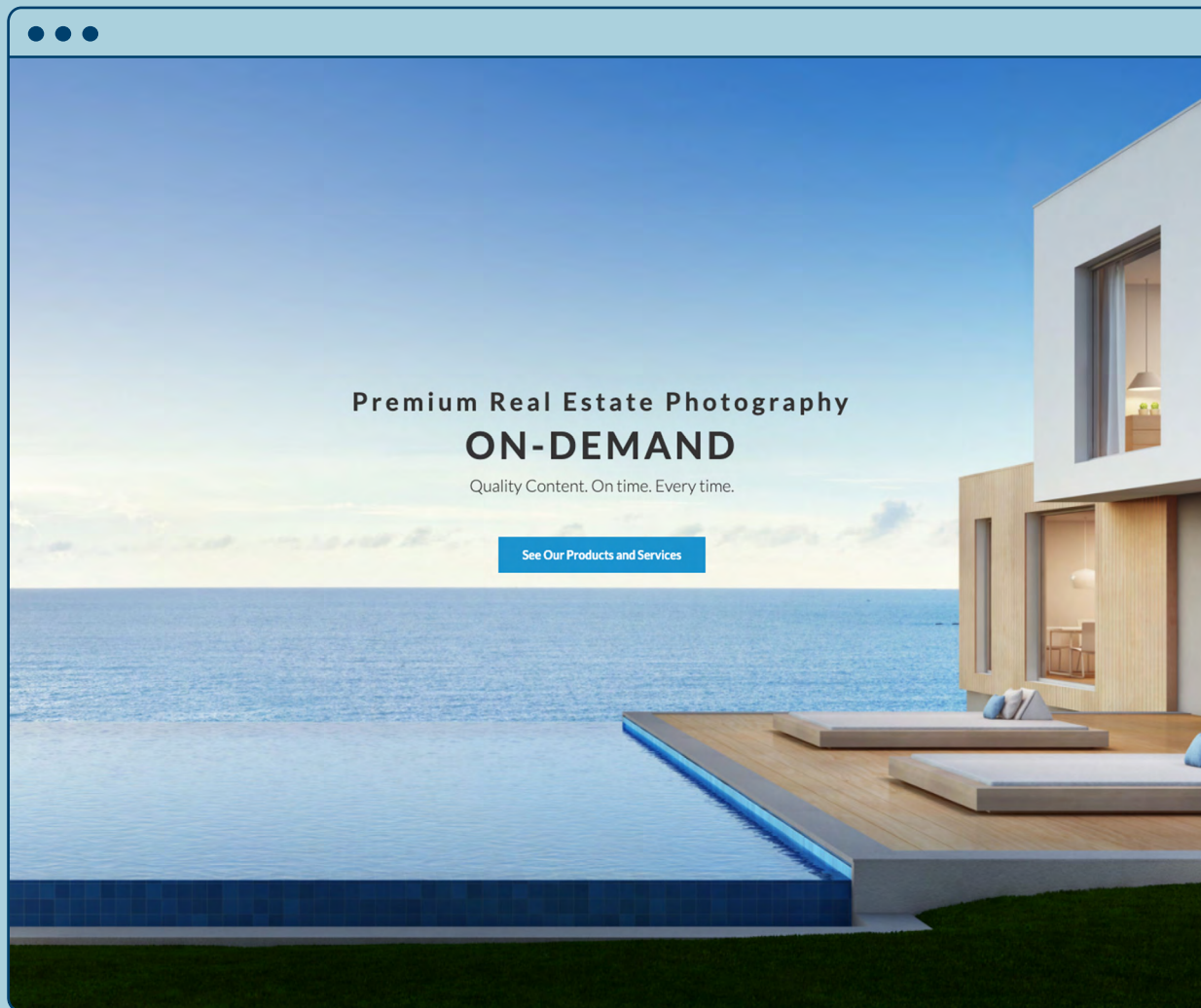
COMPANIES HIRING FREELANCERS

While most job listings open and close quickly, some companies are always looking for talented photographers, and they welcome applications throughout the year. These businesses are tailored to in-demand genres like real estate or wedding photography, so they provide a popular point of entry into the freelance marketplace. While the rates will vary, joining their teams can be a way to hone your skills and earn income – often while working on your own schedule.

Airbnb

Airbnb **accepts applications** for freelance marketplace listing photographers worldwide. They provide style guidelines, and if you're interested, you can submit a test shoot for review by their editors. If accepted, you'll take jobs within 30 miles of where you live and will be responsible for scheduling and shooting your assigned listings.





Obeo

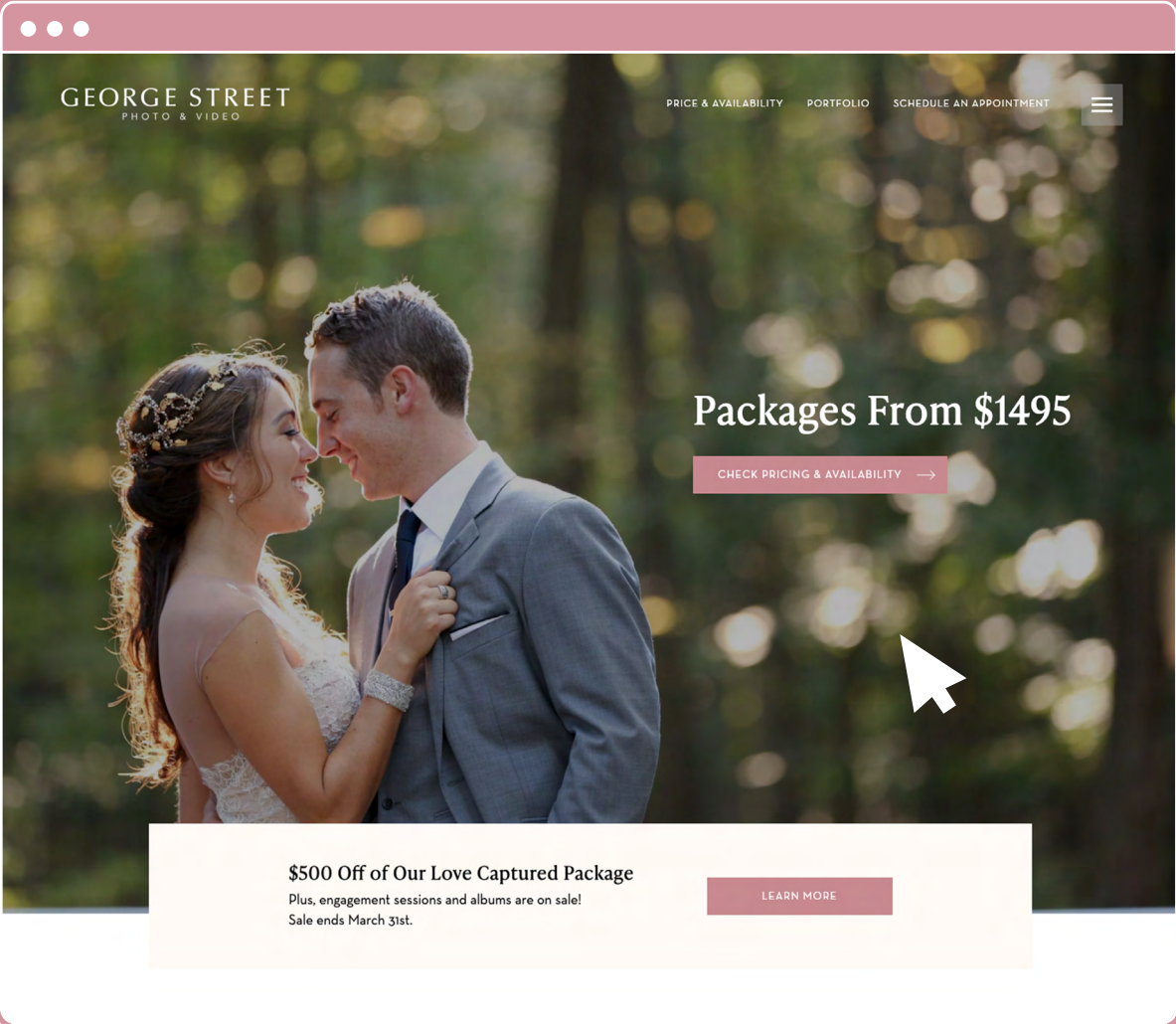
Based in the U.S. and Canada, Obeo offers professional photography services to real estate brands, rentals, hotels, property managers and more. They **accept applications** from real estate photographers to join their team.

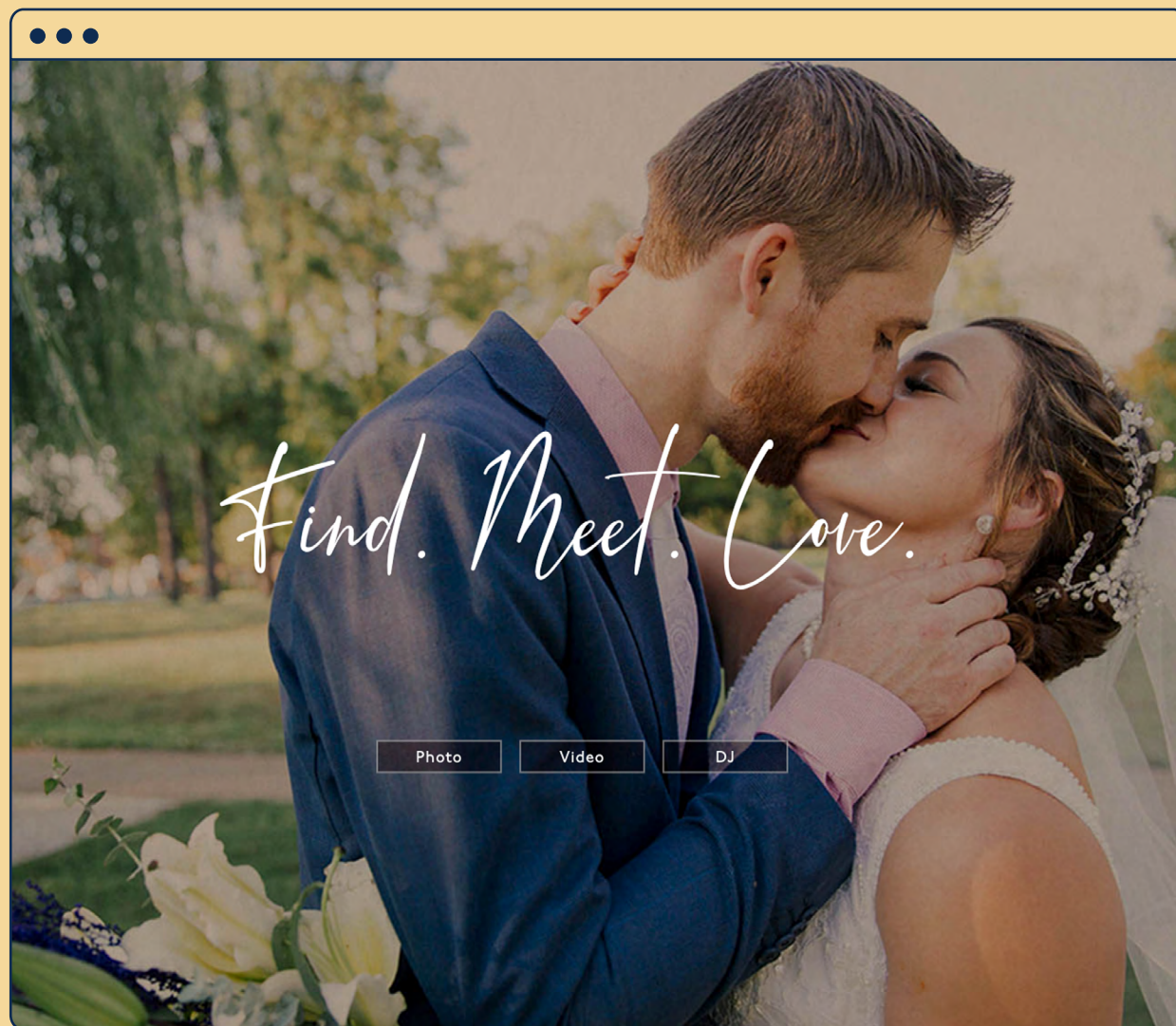
Obeo takes care of post-production, editing and client relations. You take care of shooting. They offer flexible hours—you accept or decline work based on your availability.

George Street Photo & Video

Based in the U.S., George Street Photo & Video **accepts applications from freelance wedding photographers** and **videographers**. They book you according to your schedule and handle the contracts, sales, post-processing and marketing so you can focus on photographing.

You'll need a portfolio, a pro DSLR, an external flash and a couple of lenses, weekend availability and clear passion for documenting weddings.





The Pros Weddings

The Pros Weddings is a national (U.S.-based) network of photographic artists, filmmakers and DJs. In their 40 years of business, they've been part of more than 100,000 weddings and events. Plus, **they're always looking for wedding photographers, family photographers and videographers** to join their team. Since they work with your personal schedule, you're able to shoot as often as you want.



Conclusion

Photographers have always been resilient, and the last year has only reaffirmed their ability to adapt and expand in ways we could never have imagined. As productions resume and crews reunite, as gallery exhibitions reopen and we brace ourselves for a "wedding boom," photographers will encounter new opportunities, exciting creative challenges and unexpected chances to expand their horizons. As the industry evolves, we hope this guide will serve as a reference and, most importantly, as a point of departure for further exploration.

Approach this year as an opportunity to set a brand-new goal, reach a milestone, connect with a dream client or pivot into a different genre or field. Along the way, we hope you'll use these resources to discover more possibilities, seek advice and support, and uncover new sources of inspiration.

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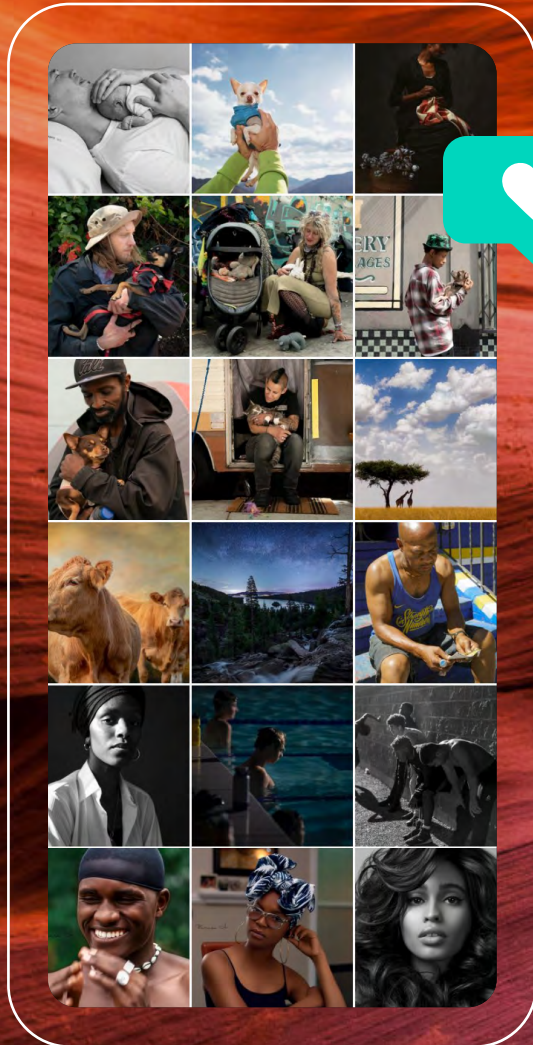
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