AZ AWARDS

2018

An initiative of AZURE, the AZ Awards is an international competition recognizing excellence in design. Entries are juried by a multidisciplinary panel of experts.

Important Dates

→ Submissions open: Tuesday, January 2, 2018
→ Earlybird deadline: Thursday, February 1, 2018
→ Deadline for submissions: Tuesday, February 20, 2018
→ Finalists will be notified in April 2018
→ People's Choice voting takes place from April 5 to May 4, 2018
→ AZ Awards Gala in Toronto: Friday, June 22, 2018
→ Winners will be announced at the Gala and featured in the AZ Awards Annual distributed June 2018

Guidelines

→ Entries must be submitted and received via the online entry system by 12 midnight EST on February 20, 2018.
→ All images must be jpg format, at least 300 dpi resolution.
→ Project descriptions and images **must NOT** contain the name or logo of the designer, architect, firm, company, client or manufacturer.

ELIGIBILITY

→ Designers and design firms from all disciplines
→ Architects, landscape architects and architectural firms
→ Post-secondary students enrolled in design and architecture programs in 2017
→ Clients and manufacturers
→ Projects must be completed by December 31, 2017
→ Products must be prototyped or in production
→ Concepts must have been developed or presented for the first time in 2017

JUDGING CRITERIA

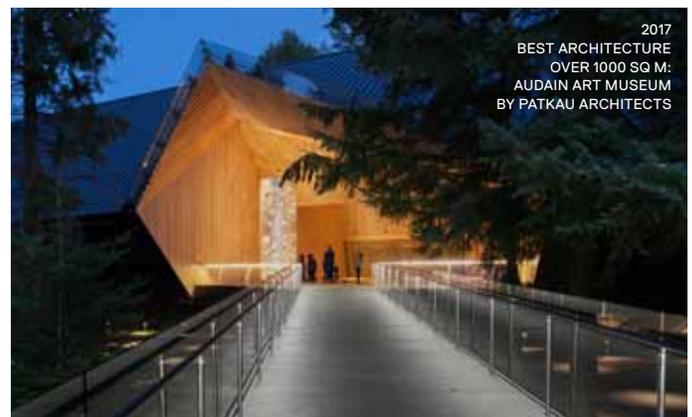Each project is evaluated on its own merits according to the following four criteria:

1. Aesthetics Is the design contemporary, visually and intellectually stimulating? Does it provoke curiosity, have the capacity to uplift spirits or simply delight?

2. Function How well does it serve its intended use? Does it effectively resolve problems?

3. Creativity Does it incorporate a unique approach, use a new medium or materials? Is it technologically innovative, forward-looking?

4. Social and Environmental Responsibility Does it make respectful use of materials and resources? Does it possess a long life span? Does it contain recycled materials and/or can it be recycled? Does it provide a social benefit?

GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

All information and requested materials must be provided by the deadline or the submission will be disqualified without notice or return of payment.

Works are excluded from the competition if their presentation would infringe a right. The entrant authorizes Azure Publishing Inc. to publish the submission in the print edition of AZURE Magazine, on azuremagazine.com, and any websites affiliated with the AZ Awards competition. The submission may be reproduced, in whole or in part, for editorial and promotional purposes. Submissions become the property of AZURE, and will not be returned.

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Categories

DESIGN

Furniture: residential furniture, office and contract furniture, outdoor furniture

Furniture systems: office systems, kitchen and bath furniture systems, storage systems

Lighting fixtures: indoor and outdoor fixtures and systems

Lighting installations: permanent schemes and temporary installations

Interior products: wall and floor coverings, housewares, textiles, window coverings, appliances

Architectural products: fixtures and fittings, hardware, doors and windows, flooring

ARCHITECTURE

Residential buildings: single-family, new builds, renovations and additions

Residential buildings: multi-unit, new builds, renovations and additions

Commercial & institutional buildings over 1,000 square metres

Commercial & institutional buildings under 1,000 square metres

Temporary and demonstration: installations, exhibit designs, presentation centres/model suites, theatre sets and displays

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

Public and private landscapes

INTERIORS

Residential interiors
Commercial and institutional interiors

EXPERIENTIAL GRAPHIC DESIGN

Wayfinding, sign programs, information and map design, experiential brand identity

CONCEPTS

Unbuilt building entries: Projects previously entered for competition, and other as yet unbuilt buildings

Concepts/ideas/prototypes: Conceptual works, design schemes and objects not yet realized or not in production

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Student work: any industrial design product, architectural structure, landscape, interior space or unbuilt/unrealized concept developed by a student enrolled in a post-secondary design or architecture program in 2017. The winner will receive a $5000 cash prize.

SOCIAL GOOD AWARD
ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP AWARD

Besides the category in which they are submitted, entries may be considered for the **Social Good Award** and/or the **Environmental Leadership Award**. A winner in each of these categories will be selected. For the **Social Good Award**, projects must advance social equity and have a positive impact on the collective realm. For the **Environmental Leadership Award**, projects must show sensitivity and respect for the use and management of natural resources throughout their lifecycle, especially with respect to materials and energy use. Projects may be entered in one or both categories.

People's Choice

All finalists are considered for the People's Choice selection, decided by the general public. Voting will take place from April 5 to May 4, 2018 on awards.azuremagazine.com.

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Fees

Early-bird Fees: deadine February 1, 2018 by midnight EST
→ Student entries: $35
→ All other categories: $150 for the first two submissions;
$130 for each following submission

Final deadline February 20, 2018 by 12noon EST
→ Student entries: $45
→ All other categories: $175 for the first submission; $150 for
the second submission; $130 for each following submission

Each entry includes a 1-year digital subscription to
AZURE Magazine, valued at $25.95.

Full payment must be received by the submission deadline. Entries submitted without
the appropriate submission fee will not be eligible for judging. Payments are only
accepted online.

Submission Specs

Images: You may submit up to 20 images and/or drawings/
renderings in jpg format and at least 300 dpi (minimum of 9"
height and width). Images **must NOT** contain the name or logo
of the designer, architect, firm, company, client or manufacturer.

Video: Entrants are encouraged to share videos of their work
that help to communicate the project. It is preferred if the video
is shared via web link (e.g. YouTube, Vimeo), but we will accept
direct uploads in .mov, .mp4 or .mpg format with a file size less
than 1 GB.

Project description: No more than 500 words including objec-
tives and how they were met, design challenges, technological
and/or material innovations, social and environmental impact.
Project descriptions **must NOT** contain the name or logo of the
designer, architect, firm, company, client or manufacturer.

Project specs: No more than 300 words including dimensions,
materials, fabrication techniques, manufacturing process.

Team Credits: Contact information for the team members of
your project. Details related to involvement or role, company
name, email, and country will be requested. At minimum, please
provide details for key team members such as lead architect
or designer.

Contact

For more information and support: **azawards@azureonline.com**

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Checklist

Use this document as a guide to help you prepare your 2018 AZ Awards submissions

☐ **MAKE SURE YOU ARE ELIGIBLE**

The AZ Awards is open to architects, designers, landscape architects, firms, companies, clients, manufacturers and students of design related disciplines. All built work must be complete by December 31, 2017. Products must be prototyped or in production. For Concepts entries, work must have been developed or presented for the first time in 2017. For Student work: any industrial design product, architectural structure, landscape, interior space or unbuilt/unrealized concept developed by a student enrolled in a post-secondary design or architecture program in 2017.

☐ **SELECT YOUR CATEGORY**

Pick the category best suited for your project. Detailed category descriptions can be found on page 2. You may submit your project in multiple categories – each as a separate entry.

☐ **NAME YOUR SUBMISSION (PROJECT NAME)**

Select a Project Name to represent your project or product. Do not include the name of the designer, architect, firm, company, client or manufacturer.

☐ **SELECT YOUR SUBMISSION TYPE**

Select between Designer/Architect, Client/Manufacturer or Student

☐ **DESCRIBE YOUR SUBMISSION (PROJECT DESCRIPTION)**

Provide a description of your project or product in 500 words or less. Include objectives and how they were met, design challenges, social and environmental impact

☐ **PROVIDE TECHNICAL DETAILS ABOUT YOUR SUBMISSION (PROJECT SPECS)**

Provide a technical description of your project or product in 300 words or less. Include dimensions, materials, fabrication techniques and/or manufacturing process

☐ **UPLOAD IMAGES, DRAWINGS OR RENDERINGS**

You must provide up to 20 images and or drawings/renderings in jpg format and at least 300 dpi. Do not include the name or logo of the designer, architect, firm, company, client or manufacturer, unless the inclusion of such is integral to the design (ie. A branded environment)

☐ **SHARE A VIDEO (OPTIONAL)**

You may share a web link to a video related to the project. A video link is not required.

☐ **CREDIT YOUR TEAM (TEAM CREDITS)**

Provide relevant credits for the team that worked on the project: Involvement/Role, Full Name, Company Name, Email and Country.

☐ **PROVIDE A RATIONALE FOR SPECIAL AWARDS**

Besides the category in which they are submitted, entries may be considered for the Social Good Award and/or Environmental Leadership Award. For more details on requirements for these elective awards, see page 2.

☐ **PROVIDE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION**

The last step is to provide your contact information, and the contact information for those directly related to the project (lead designer, lead architect, etc).

☐ **PAYMENT**

Full payment must be received by the submission deadline. Entries submitted without the appropriate submission fee will not be eligible for judging. Payments are only accepted online via credit card.

Ready to submit?

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