

AZ AWARDS 2020

2020
Submission
Details

The AZ AWARDS is AZURE's international design competition recognizing the world's best projects, products and ideas. Entries are juried by a multidisciplinary panel of industry experts.

Important Dates

- Submissions open Thursday, January 2, 2020
- Earlybird deadline Friday, January 31, 2020 at 5:00 pm EST
- Deadline for submissions Tuesday, February 18, 2020
- Finalists will be notified in April 2020
- People's Choice voting takes place from April 2 to May 1, 2020
- AZ Awards Gala: June 2020
- Winners will be announced at the AZ Awards Gala, to be held in Toronto in June 2020, and featured in AZURE Magazine's annual AZ Awards issue

Guidelines

- Entries must be submitted and received via the online entry system by 11:59 pm EST on Tuesday, February 18, 2020.
- 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

The 2020 AZ Awards is open to:

- Designers and design firms from all disciplines
- Architects, landscape architects and architectural firms
- Post-secondary students enrolled in design and architecture programs in 2019
- Clients and manufacturers
- Projects must be completed by December 31, 2019
- Products must be prototyped or in production
- Concepts must have been developed or presented for the first time in 2019

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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.

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Design

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

Furniture systems & collections: Office systems, kitchen and bath furniture systems, storage systems, office and residential furniture collections

Lighting fixtures: Indoor and outdoor fixtures and systems

Lighting installations: Permanent schemes and temporary installations

Interior products: Wall and floor coverings (wallpaper, rugs, etc.), housewares, textiles, window coverings, appliances

Architectural products: Sanitary fixtures and fittings (sinks, tubs, faucets, etc.), hardware, doors and windows, flooring (tiles, wood flooring, broadloom, etc.)

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

Adaptive re-use: Projects that reimagine existing buildings or sites in innovative and sustainable ways

Infrastructure: bridges, transportation structures, etc.

Landscape Architecture

Public and private landscapes

Experiential Graphic Design

Way-finding, sign programs, information and map design, experiential brand identity

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Interiors

Residential interiors

Commercial and institutional interiors

Concepts

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

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

A* Award

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 2019. The winner will receive a \$5000 cash prize.

Social Good Award and Environmental Leadership Award

Besides the category in which they are submitted, entries may also 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 2 to May 1, 2020 on awards.azuremagazine.com.

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Fees

Early-bird Fees: For entries submitted by Friday, January 31, 2020 at 5:00 pm EST

- A+ Award for Student Work: \$35 per submission
- All other categories: \$150 per submission for the first two submissions; \$130 for each following submission

Regular Fees: Entries submitted after the early-bird deadline

- A+ Award for Student Work: \$45 per submission
- All other categories: \$175 for the first submission; \$150 for the second submission; \$130 for the third and all subsequent submissions

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

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, 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. If submitting a rendering, please ensure that this is clearly indicated in the file name.

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 name: Select a name to represent your project or product. The project name **must not** contain the name of the designer, architect, firm, company, client or manufacturer.

Project description: No more than 600 words including objectives and how they were met, design challenges, technological and/or material innovations, social and environmental impact. Project descriptions and images **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.

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Checklist

Use this document as a guide to help you prepare your 2020 AZ Awards submissions:

Are you 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, 2019. Products must be prototyped or in production. For Concepts entries, work must have been developed or presented for the first time in 2019. 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 2019.

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 600 words or less. Include project objectives and how they were met, design challenges, social and environmental impact. Do not include the name or logo of the designer, architect, firm, company, client or manufacturer.

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 may 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 (i.e. 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

In addition to 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

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Ready to submit?

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