

Introduction

To encourage merit, talent and activities of international importance, the International Union of Architects - U.I.A. awards a number of prizes every three years, which are presented during the UIA World Congress.

The most prestigious of the prizes, entitled the *UIA Gold Medal for outstanding architectural achievement*, which takes precedence over the other four UIA Prizes, was created by the U.I.A. Council in 1984.

The prize itself is a solid gold medal on which the words *UIA Gold Medal*, the date and the name of the winner are engraved. It is awarded for outstanding architectural achievement by an architect or group of architects, taking into account all aspects of the architecture of several buildings constructed over a period of time. The Gold Medal was awarded for the first time during the XV UIA Congress in Cairo (Egypt), in 1985.

In tribute to the memory of the first Presidents of the Union, four other prizes are awarded for planning, technology, education and human settlements.

In principle, the international jury awards, once every three years, one:

- Gold Medal
- Sir Patrick Abercrombie Prize
- Auguste Perret Prize
- Jean Tschumi Prize
- Sir Robert Matthew Prize

The jury may however decide against awarding a Prize or, exceptionally, choose to award ex-aequo Prizes and/or honorable mentions.

Regulations

UIA Gold Medal

The UIA Gold Medal is the highest honour which the International Union of Architects can bestow on a living architect. It is awarded in recognition of outstanding achievement in the field of architecture and for distinguished service to man and society through the architectural profession, over an extended period of time.

The UIA Gold Medal is awarded once every three years at the UIA World Congress. It is not mandatory that the Gold Medal be awarded at each congress if, in the opinion of the jury, there is no nominee sufficiently qualified for the award.

ELIGIBILITY

Any living architect in the world, as well as any firm or group of individual architects, is eligible for the Gold Medal if all the criteria are met with. The achievements of a firm or group must be as a collaborative effort over an extended period of time, with the same individuals as leaders of the group. However, nominations will not normally be considered unless the individual, firm or group concerned has already received a major architectural award.

NOMINATIONS

Only UIA Member Sections may make nominations for the Gold Medal. Each Member Section may make only one nomination. This nomination shall be submitted in accordance

with these regulations and the time schedule decided upon by the General Secretariat

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

A nomination for the UIA Gold Medal shall be presented using the template provided for this purpose and shall include a short CV and a digital portrait of the candidate, the Section's reasons for making this nomination with a resumé of the architect's work and illustrated by up to 10 photographs. Candidatures presented in any other form than that indicated above will not be admitted. All documents shall be submitted in one of the two UIA working languages, French and English.

SELECTION

The UIA Gold Medal will be awarded by a jury of distinguished architects from around the world. The jury shall consist of no less than 5 and **no more than 7** members and shall be selected by the Council. No more than one juror from any nation will be selected, and each Region of the Union will be represented.

The candidate selected for the award must receive an affirmative vote from at least two-thirds of the jury.

UIA Prizes

50 years after their creation, the UIA Prizes are now established as premier international prizes for architects and town planners. These four prizes, awarded every three years during the UIA World Congress by an international jury, are:

- The UIA Prize for Town-Planning or Territorial Development, in memory of Sir Patrick Abercrombie, the first President of the U.I.A.
- The UIA Prize for Applied Technology in Architecture, in memory of Auguste Perret, former Honorary President of the U.I.A.
- The UIA Prize for Architectural Criticism or Architectural Education, in memory of Jean Tschumi, former President of the U.I.A.
- The UIA Prize for the Improvement of the Quality of Human Settlements, in memory of Sir Robert Matthew, former President of the U.I.A.

ELIGIBILITY

Nominations shall be presented by UIA Member Sections, it being understood that a Section may propose candidates of any nationality or place of residence on condition that the candidate is not only academically qualified as an architect but is also licenced or registered to practice the profession in his or her country of residence.

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Only Member Sections of the UIA may make nominations for the UIA Prizes. Nominations shall be submitted in accordance with these regulations and the time schedule set by the General Secretariat.

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

Nominations for the various prizes shall be presented using the template provided for this purpose and shall include a short CV and a digital portrait of the candidate, the Section's reasons for making this nomination with a resumé of the architect's work with up to 10 photographs illustrating this. Candidatures presented in any other format will not be admitted. All documents shall be submitted in one of the two UIA working languages, French and English.

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