



The UIA Award for Innovation in Architectural Education

The International Union of Architects (UIA) is pleased to announce the inaugural edition of the *UIA Award for Innovation in Architectural Education*, organised by the [UIA Architectural Education Commission](#). The Award is established to celebrate the multifaceted nature of innovation across the boundaries of cultures and geographies, and to promote inspiring pedagogical practices that contribute to the creation of sustainable environments.

Themes and Objectives

Open to colleges, schools, departments or programmes of architecture worldwide, the inaugural UIA Award for Innovation in Architectural Education will recognize excellence in architectural and urban design education, focusing on innovative pedagogies that foster the development of sustainable environments across the [five UIA regions](#), while reflecting their broad diversity. Aligning with the [UNESCO/UIA Charter for Architectural Education](#), the Award emphasizes the role of architecture and urban design education in addressing the societal and environmental challenges facing the built environment, and in articulating the opportunities those challenges create.

Concept and Key Criteria

Architectural education in the 21st century demands creativity and innovation; research and investigation; collaboration and civic engagement; environmental awareness and technical competence. Submissions for this award must therefore demonstrate Excellence in Pedagogical Practice based on evidence of pedagogical innovation and enhanced learning outcomes. This includes providing examples demonstrating and documenting how the pedagogical programme:

- Stimulated students' inquisitiveness in ways that inspire a commitment to society and the environment;
- Recognised and effectively enhanced the diversity of student learning needs, thus offering multiple learning opportunities;
- Related to relevant findings from architectural research, scholarship, and professional practice in ways that add value to the learning environment;
- Engaged with and potentially contributed to the established body of knowledge by working effectively across disciplines;
- Adopted and implemented pedagogical approaches that respond to United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (See Architecture Guide to the UN 17 Sustainable Development Goals).

Eligibility

- Any school/programme of architecture worldwide recognised by higher education authorities in its corresponding country. This includes independent schools/programmes or schools/programmes within public or private universities.
- The school/programme must have been established for at least ten years.
- The school/programme must offer a professional degree in architecture, which is recognized by its local higher education authorities and/or local validation/accreditation body.
- UNESCO-UIA validation is not a requirement for entry.



Timeline

- 22 November 2019 – Award launch and announcement
- 16 December 2019 – Deadline for receiving questions to UIA
- 30 January 2020 – a list of FAQ and responses to Questions is made available on the UIA website.
- 01 April 2020 – Submission deadline to the [UIA online platform](#)
- 01-15 April 2020 – Review of submissions: eligibility and completeness
- 15 April – 6 May 2020 – Online Jury meetings
- 11 May 2020 – Announcement of Results
- 22 July 2020 – Awards Ceremony during the UIA Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 19-23 July 2020

Submission Requirements

The UIA Education Commission encourages schools and programmes worldwide to submit to the award. An International Jury Panel will assess submissions through an all-digital process. Work submitted should have been completed between 2017 and 2020.

1. A 250-word (maximum) Brief

On the history, vision, and mission of the school/programme, as well as the title of the submission. This should represent a statement of ethos and position. The file must include NO images. The brief must be submitted as a PDF and must include:

Name of the school, programme and name of the university, city and country

Name of the head of school/department/programme

Date that the academic work was completed.

2. A 1,000-word (maximum) Statement

Articulating pedagogical innovation and excellence in shaping a sustainable future. The statement must be submitted as a PDF file. It must be anonymous, but must include the project title, the nature of the challenges addressed, the pedagogical approach, the response, its significance, reach and impact.

3. Graphics submission

Four (4) A3 posters that visually illustrate the innovative approach adopted. All 4 posters must be submitted as a single JPEG or PDF format. Posters will be reviewed individually, but may be developed as components of a larger A1 poster for purposes of exhibition. To remain eligible, all graphics must be anonymous.

4. Endorsement letter from the Head of the School

The letter must be submitted as a PDF file, and must include the exact identifying information listed in the 250-word statements. The endorsement letter must also include a statement that grants the UIA the rights to share and edit the credited submission for professional dissemination purposes. Endorsement letters will not be shared with the jury until after the adjudication is complete.

5. Maximum file size is 5 MB

All materials must be fully uploaded to the [UIA online platform](#) before 12 noon (CET) on 1 April 2020.

Language

All text and annotations of drawings and graphics must be in English.



International Jury Panel

Observers

Co-Directors of the UIA Architectural Education Commission (non-voting)

Magda Mostafa (Egypt)

Marilys Nepomechie (USA)

Curator of the Award (non-voting)

Ashraf M. Salama (Egypt/United Kingdom)

Jury Members representing the 5 UIA Regions

Oya Atalay Franck (Switzerland)

Harriet Harriss (United Kingdom/USA)

Derya Oktay (Turkey)

Konstantin Kiyanencko (Russia)

Thomas Fisher (USA)

Beatriz Maturana Cossio (Chile)

Mustapha Mohd Saleh (Malaysia)

Carin Smuts (South Africa)

Hassan Radoine (Morocco)

Lindy Osborne Burton (Australia)

Awards, Exhibition and Publication

Up to five (5) medals will be awarded. This includes one (1) medal for one school/programme located within each of the [5 UIA Regions](#). The jury reserves the right not to award all the medals if the entries do not meet the eligibility or submission requirements, or if the entries fall short of the required standards. Conferral of Honourable Mentions is at the discretion of the jury.

Winners and selected entries will form part of the UIA Education Commission Exhibition at the 27th UIA World Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and may be part of other forms of UIA publications and exhibitions. The UIA Education Commission will develop an edited volume highlighting the merits and key innovative practices presented in the winning submissions, as well, as those of the selected entries. The publication will comprise a best practices document for architectural educations worldwide. Materials reproduced, published and/or exhibited by the UIA will recognise the corresponding school/programme, and will credit the copyright of all student authors.

Awards Ceremony

Prizes for the inaugural edition of the *UIA Award for Innovation in Architectural Education* will be conferred at the official awards ceremony of the 27th UIA World Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from 19-23 July 2020.