



The UIA Award for Innovation in Architectural Education Frequently Asked Questions

1. Where can I find information about UIA Award for Innovation in Architectural Education organised by the UIA's Architectural Education Commission?

All information about the Award is available in an announcement on the UIA Platform. Please click this link: [https://www.uia-](https://www.uia-architectes.org/webApi/uploads/ressourcefile/583/final_programme_21.11.19.pdf)

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- If you have further questions about any aspect of the Award not included in this list of FAQ, please contact the Curator of the Award uia.award.ae@gmail.com

2. How can I register and make a submission?

Registration page can be found here: <https://uia.awardsplatform.com/>

- If you encounter difficulties with registration on the UIA platform, please contact the UIA Office: e.bonin@uia-architectes.org
- For submissions, please review submission requirements here: https://www.uia-architectes.org/webApi/uploads/ressourcefile/583/final_programme_21.11.19.pdf

3. What is the fee for registration or participation in the Award?

Registration and participation in the Award is **FREE**.

4. Is it possible for professional societies or non-government organizations that involve architecture students in their work to submit for the Award?

No. Submissions should be made by schools/programmes of architecture. However, professional societies or NGOs may be participants in curricula submitted by schools/programmes.

5. Does the school/programme have to be validated by UNESCO-UIA to be eligible for submission?

UNESCO-UIA validation is not a requirement for submission to the Award.

6. How many entries can a school/programme of architecture submit?

Each school/programme can submit up to **THREE** entries that demonstrate innovation in pedagogical practices while addressing the key criteria listed in the Award's announcement.

7. Should the entry be related to a specific specialisation (such as urban design) within the school?

The entry could be related to a specific specialisation within a school/programme of architecture but should be part of a degree leading to qualification in architecture.

8. Is it possible to make a submission that is part of an urban design or urban planning school?

No, the Award is exclusive to submissions of innovative teaching practices undertaken in schools leading to degrees in architecture. However, this does not exclude a focus area within a programme of architecture such as urban design or landscape architecture.

9. Is a non-accredited post professional degree program in urban design, landscape architecture or interior architecture eligible to submit an entry?

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.

10. Could the entry be a joint work between professors and students?

The entry is a presentation of innovation in pedagogical practices adopted and implemented by the school/programme and is not necessarily a representation of a specific project. The work submitted should be exclusively work of students, although the required statements should be written by the tutors/professors who are leading the submission; this should be associated with an endorsement letter from the Head of the School as an integral part of the submission.

11. I would like to nominate an architect for this Award? How can I submit an entry on this basis?

The Award is not intended for individuals. It recognizes innovative pedagogical practices in colleges, schools, departments or programmes of architecture.

12. To what extent should the illustrations of the project be presented?

The submission or entry could be for a project or for approach to architectural pedagogy addressing specific issues as outlined in the criteria and submission requirements including that respond to United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. See Architecture Guide to the UN 17 Sustainable Development Goals:

https://www.uia-architectes.org/webApi/uploads/ressourcefile/590/sdg_commission_un17_guidebook.pdf

13. Is it necessary to submit an architectural curriculum as part of the entry?

The requirements do not include a curriculum statement. Yet, curriculum related aspects can be included as part of the required 250-word brief about the

school/programme and the 1000-word statement articulating pedagogical innovation and excellence in shaping a sustainable future.

14. Should the entry include a real or completed project?

No. The Award is dedicated to innovation in pedagogy and teaching practices that foster the development of sustainable environments. As an integral part of pedagogy, academic/student engagement in real projects may be included in the submission.

15. Does the competition involve several stages?

No. As announced, the review of submissions will start April 1st and will be undertaken in one stage. This is not a typical competition for architectural ideas or projects. This is an Award for Innovation in Architectural Education. Please review the concept/key criteria and the submission requirements.

16. How exactly should the project be presented?

In addition to the two required statements, graphics and visual materials are left to the choice of entrants as long as they meet the requirements of four (4) A3 posters that visually illustrate the innovative approach adopted and implemented. Please review submission requirements.

17. What is the orientation of the required four (4) A3 posters?

Graphics included in the four (4) A3 posters must consider a **PORTRAIT** orientation (297mm x 420mm). The four A3 sheets can also be submitted in such a way to form one A1 poster in a **PORTRAIT** orientation (594mm x 841mm). In the two cases, the four A3 sheets must be submitted as individual JPEG, TIFF or PDF files. The maximum file size allowed is 5 MB. These requirements are **mandatory** and will facilitate the development of an edited volume and an exhibition curated and organised by the UIA Education Commission.

18. When do we expect to know the results of the review?

Announcement of results will be after May 11th 2020.