



International Union of Architects
International Competitions Commission

GUIDELINES

UIA PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL AWARD AND PRIZE PROGRAMMES

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The UIA may participate in international award and prize programmes that advance its aims and promote design quality, recognising excellent and significant works of architecture and urbanism. The UIA participates in such programmes to elevate the art and science of design and construction, encourage respect for the built and natural environments, and promote responsible architecture.

In particular UIA supports award and prize programmes which respect the holistic, culture centered, interdisciplinary approach to improve quality of life in alignment with UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Award and prize programmes concern projects, designs or buildings that have been completed or realized. Such programmes differ from design competitions in that entries are not anonymous, but instead carry the names of their authors and often their clients. Awards and prizes recognise the quality of realized projects. They distinguish their authors, and advance the state of the art.

The terms “award” and “prize” are used interchangeably, but neither term should be confused with an architectural design competition. If an award or a prize concerns a design that is to be completed in the form of a contest, then it is a design competition and subject to the UNESCO Regulations and the *UIA Guidelines for Competitions in Architecture, Town-Planning and Related Fields*.

When the UIA participates in an award or prize programme, it seeks to promote the highest standards of professionalism, design quality, creativity and innovation. The UIA encourages awards and prizes to recognise significant work in architecture and urbanism. The UIA usually participates only in award and prize programmes that are global and open to professionals (and, in some cases, students) from all countries.

These guidelines provide a general framework for UIA collaboration.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1** The designation "international" applies to an award or prize programme in which participation is open to architects—or teams of specialists led by architects—who possess different nationalities and reside in different countries.
- 2** Conditions for participation must be the same for all participants.
- 3** Procedures and conditions are to be published—and entries are to be submitted—in at least one of the UIA official languages: English, French, Spanish, or Russian.
- 4** Notice of an international award or prize programme shall be issued by the Organiser or by the UIA Secretariat to all UIA Member Sections, technical journals and other media, insofar as possible simultaneously, to ensure that all contestants have approximately equal time.
- 5** The Organiser should appoint a professional adviser, preferably an architect, responsible for organising the award or prize.

6 _Award and prize programme announcements should clearly identify the Organiser; state the purpose of the award or prize; specify the conditions for participation; and spell out the practical requirements to be met by competitors, including instructions for presentation of all required documents.

7 The Organiser must obtain written approval from the UIA prior to announcing that an award or prize is being conducted under UIA auspices.

8 By participating, competitors accept all conditions of the award or prize.

9 Regulations shall state the number of awards or prizes to be given, and the amount of any prize money.

10 The Organiser undertakes to accept the decisions of the jury and to pay all announced prize monies within one month of announcing the results.

11 Authors of all submitted projects or designs retain the intellectual property rights to their work.

JURY COMPOSITION

12 The jury shall be established before an award or prize is announced. The names, nationalities and professions of jury members shall be listed in the brief and in the notice.

13 As a general rule, the Organiser will appoint the jury members. The UIA can assist the Organiser in selecting jury members.

14 The jury shall be composed of between 3 and 9 persons. In the case of international awards and prizes, a majority of the jury should be of different nationalities, all of whom are independent professionals in the major discipline of the award or prize.

15 At least one member of the jury shall be appointed by the UIA and so identified in all announcements.

16 Members of the jury should not be associated in any direct manner with the Organiser of the award or prize.

17 No member of the organising body, nor any associate or employee, nor any person who has been concerned with preparation or organisation of the award or prize, is eligible to compete or to assist any competitor.

18 Decisions of the jury shall be taken by a majority vote, with a separate vote on each submission. In the event of a tied vote, a jury chair, elected by the jurors, shall cast the deciding vote. Before dispersing, all members of the jury shall sign the list of awards and prizes, as well as a jury report to the Organiser, with a copy to the UIA.

19 The jury shall decide upon award or prize recipients in accordance with stated criteria and procedures. Jury decisions shall be final and made public by a date agreed upon with the UIA and stated in the regulations. The jury, when awarding awards and prizes, shall make full use of the amount set aside for this purpose in the regulations.

20 Jury fees or honoraria, travel and subsistence expenses shall be paid by the Organiser.

21 Organisers should strive to make all entries, and a signed jury report, available for extended exhibit to the public free of charge.

22 Organisers shall notify all registered competitors of results, with a copy of the jury report. If there is a public showing of submitted works, competitors shall receive notice of the exhibition time and place.

23 Organisers have the right to use, without remunerating authors, images of prize- or award-winning entries in publications and promotional materials. The UIA will also have publication rights to such images, for use on its website, in exhibitions, in press releases, in social media, and in other communications.

UIA FEES

The UIA shall receive a fee of 5.000 Euros for awards and prizes for professionals, and of 3.000 Euros for awards and prizes for students.

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