

INTERNATIONAL INNOVATIVE DESIGN FOR HEALTH AWARD

International Innovative Design for Health



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- 1. Should the submitted research be a fully published academic paper, or can it also be a manuscript that is under review or not yet published?**

Answer: It does not need to be a fully published academic paper or a manuscript that has been submitted, is under review, or is intended for submission. Please provide the required information in sufficient detail for the jurors to evaluate the quality and impacts of your research.

- 2. If the research is not published as an academic paper, what alternative formats are acceptable (e.g., research report, thesis chapter, project document, independent study, etc.)?**

Answer: It does not need to be an academic paper or a formal research report. Any format is acceptable as long as it includes the required information within the word limit. Please organize your submission so the jurors can effectively evaluate the quality of your research. The required information includes:

- Abstract (up to 250 words, counting toward the 3000-word limit)
- Introduction of the architectural or urban design project that was studied
- Research completion date
- Introduction of the research/evaluation process
- Details of the research/evaluation, including but not limited to, the methods, measurement instruments (e.g., meters, wearables, survey questionnaires, interview questions)
- Data collection process, data analysis and results
- Contributions to the knowledge of design for health
- References (not counting toward the 3000-word limit)

- 3. If parts of the research have already been published, may the submitted document include additional or updated material that was not part of the published version?**

Answer: For this award, please submit the research you would like the jurors to evaluate. You may submit either the full study or a portion of it, which is up to you or your team. Publication status is not a consideration. However, the research must have been conducted within the required timeframe.

- 4. Is it acceptable to submit research that is based on a previously published work by me, where the submission represents an extended or further developed version of the original work?**

Answer: It may be an extended or further developed version of the original work, as long as the submitted work was conducted by you or your team within the required timeframe.



5. Is there a required template or size for the required pdf link? should it be in the form of pages or poster?

Answer: There is no required template or page limit for the PDF submission, and it may take various forms depending on the nature of the research. It may be a single page or multiple pages. The key requirement is that it is organized in a way that facilitates the jurors' evaluation. The submission must not exceed 3,000 words (words in the diagrams and images that are inserted in the main text will be counted toward the word limit) and 10 images.

6. Can the pdf itself contain images, figures or diagrams or should all visuals be limited strictly to the ten JPG images?

Answer: You may include images, figures, or diagrams in the PDF. Please note that any text within images, figures, or diagrams will count toward the word limit. The additional 10 images are intended for applicants who wish to submit high-resolution images that may not display well in the PDF with the main text.

7. Is it allowed to participate with the same research project in two different UIA-related competitions?

Answer: This question should be directed to the UIA. As the organizer of the Design for Health Award, we do not cross-check whether the submitted work has also been submitted to other categories.

8. Eligibility: Could you please confirm whether researchers who are not working within an architectural practice, but whose work is clearly focused on evidence-based design, are eligible to apply? For context, architects from architectural firms were actively involved as part of the research team contributing to this research.

Answer: We encourage architectural researchers to submit their work, as long as the research involves architect(s) and addresses a topic related to architecture or urban design.

9. Submission requirements: The guidelines indicate that submissions should consist of a PDF document of up to 3,000 words. I would like to ask whether it is acceptable for this PDF to include (in part or in adapted form) a previously published scientific article, provided that it fits within the word limit. Are there any specific requirements regarding originality or prior publication of the submitted content?

Answer: We expect the research to have been conducted within the required timeframe. Previously published work is acceptable as long as it meets this requirement. We value the originality of the research itself rather than its publication status. Please format your submission in a way that facilitates the jurors' evaluation.

10. Should the submission of design research work include the authors name's or it is anonymous?



Answer: The submission will not be anonymous. We understand that some research or design projects might have been published, and anonymizing them can be challenging. It is up to you or your team whether to include the authors' names in the submitted materials.

11. Is there any application fee for the 2026 International Design for Health Award – 2nd Edition?

Answer: No, there is no application fee for this award application.

