



2023 Architecture Awards

Call for Entries & Submission Guidelines

PURPOSE

The AIA Columbus annual Architecture Awards program recognizes excellence in architectural design by Columbus architects and those within the boundaries of AIA Columbus. The program's purpose is to recognize the achievements for a broad range of architectural activity to elevate the general quality of architectural practice, establish a standard of excellence against which all architects can measure performance, inform the public of the breadth and value of architectural practice, and to honor the architects, clients, and consultants who work together to improve the built environment.

CATEGORIES

To achieve these goals, the AIA Columbus Architecture Awards Program has five (5) categories:

Large Project (recommended: 5,000 sf and over)

The Large Project Category is for projects that are around 5,000 square feet and over. It recognizes design excellence for completed architecture executed in projects that are around 5,000 square feet and over, of all types of buildings, restoration, preservation, and adaptive re-use. If a project wins in this category, it cannot be submitted later in another category.

Small Project (recommended: less than 5,000 sf)

The Small Project Category is for projects that are roughly less than 5,000 square feet. It recognizes design excellence for completed architecture executed in projects that are roughly less than 5,000 square feet, of all types of buildings, restoration, preservation, and adaptive re-use. If a project wins in this category, it cannot be submitted later in another category.

Interior Architecture

The Interior Architecture Category is for completed building interiors. The projects may be large or small in scope and may involve new construction, adaptive re-use, restoration, or preservation. If a project wins in this category, it cannot be submitted later in another category.

Architectural Detail

The Architectural Detail Category recognizes an instance in which the details of a project are executed in an artful way, celebrating the relationship between architecture and craft through materials, detail, or technology. To be eligible for an award in this category the project must be realized/built. If a project detail submitted in this category wins an AIA

Columbus Architecture Award, the larger, full project can be submitted in another category later.

Unbuilt Work

The Unbuilt Work Category recognizes design excellence in projects scheduled to be built, as well as those that will never be built. Submissions may be commissioned or self-generated, research, or speculation. If a project wins in this category, it cannot be submitted later in another category.

ELIGIBILITY

- A **Large Project**, **Small Project**, **Interior Architecture**, or **Architectural Detail** entry may be any building or complex of buildings, constructed anywhere in the world, and substantially complete not before January 1, 2018.
- An **Unbuilt Work** entry may be any building or complex of buildings scheduled to be built as well as those that will never be built. Competition entries, speculative research, etc. are all viable submissions.
- AIA Columbus members and non-AIA members who are registered architects practicing within AIA Columbus boundaries are eligible to submit entries for **Large Project**, **Small Project**, **Interior Architecture**, or **Architectural Detail** categories.
<https://www.aiacolumbus.org/aia-columbus-map/>.
- AIA Columbus members and non-AIA members within the boundaries of AIA Columbus are eligible to submit entries for **Unbuilt Work**, <https://www.aiacolumbus.org/aia-columbus-map/>.
- Firms that operate from multiple offices or branches, representing multiple AIA chapters, may only submit entries wherein the primary design phases were performed by the Columbus office or branch.
- Firms that have performed services in association with another architecture firm must:
 - have performed no less than 50% of the architectural work
 - acknowledge the other architect(s) in all submission items
 - identify the Design Architect and the Architect of Record
 - Please refer to AIA Code of Ethics for acknowledging other architects involved in your submitted projects:
https://content.aia.org/sites/default/files/2020-12/2020_Code_of_Ethics.pdf
- Firms are encouraged to enter previously submitted non-winning projects and those which have won awards in other programs, given they were substantially completed after January 1, 2018.

FRAMEWORK FOR DESIGN EXCELLENCE

Design is not just about aesthetic components, but how buildings perform for people. The Framework for Design Excellence is made up of 10 measures, formerly known as the COTE Top Ten. It organizes our thinking, facilitates conversations with our clients and the communities we serve, and sets meaningful goals and targets for climate action. **This year we are asking each submitter to link their project to at least one of the 10 measures (click link to read full description).** They are:

[Design for Integration](#)
[Design for Equitable Communities](#)
[Design for Ecosystems](#)
[Design for Water](#)
[Design for Economy](#)
[Design for Energy](#)
[Design for Well-being](#)
[Design for Resources](#)
[Design for Change](#)
[Design for Discovery](#)

SCHEDULE

- Monday, June 5, 2023: Call for entries opens
- **NEW!** Monday, July 17, 2023: Early bird discount for fully submitted projects
- Tuesday, August 1, 2023: Project submissions due (final deadline)
- Friday, August 4, 2023: Entry fee payment due (\$25 late payment fee)
- August 2023: Jury review.
- October 18, 2023: Architecture Awards Ceremony at Understory

ENTRY FEE

- AIA Columbus Members: **(NEW!)** \$200 early bird rate by July 17; \$250 per project submitted on or after July 18
- Non-AIA Members: **(NEW!)** \$400 early bird rate by July 17; \$450 per project submitted on or after July 18
 - **Your project will not be sent to the jurors until payment has been made. We will assess a \$25 late payment fee if payment is not made by August 4.**
 - To pay by credit card, please call the AIA Columbus office at 614-469-1973. We accept MasterCard, Visa, or Discover.
 - Check payments, payable to AIA Columbus, can be sent to the office at 50 West Town St., Suite 110, Columbus, OH 43215.

AWARDS AND JUDGING

There are two designations of awards, Honor Award and Merit Award. A panel of distinguished architects and designers will review project entries to determine outstanding achievement in design by Columbus architects. The size, scope, category, or cost of a project in no way limits its eligibility or level of award. The jury will consider each project based on its own unique program, needs, and challenges.

Submitters will not be notified in advance if their project wins an award. Awards will be announced at the Architecture Awards Ceremony, October 18, 2023.

All award winners will receive one (1) plaque. Additional plaques for clients, consultants, and collaborators can be purchased by the entrant, and ordered after the Architecture Awards ceremony. AIA Columbus will promote and recognize winners on the AIA Columbus website, newsletters, exhibit, and awards publications. A press release will be sent to the local media.

PROJECT SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

The submission process is entirely digital. This simplifies submission management for AIA Columbus and should make submitting a project easier as well. Read through this section carefully.

To begin your registration, go to: <https://aiaohio.secure-platform.com/a/page/AIA-COLUMBUS>
All entry forms, project information, and file uploads will be handled through the online submission site. After creating an application, you may begin working on forms and uploading the required files. You can save your work as you go and return to the site as often as needed. All submission materials must be completed and submitted by August 1.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Nothing that identifies the firm in any way is permitted on any of the project presentation submission.

The file upload section encourages images along with additional succinct annotation. The format and design of the pages are at the entrant's discretion. Please include photographs, drawings, floor plans, elevations, sections, renderings, and graphic images as necessary to provide a clear understanding of the extent and quality of the finished project. Please label images with suitable titling and captions under 'Name of File'.

The following are suggested guidelines for project presentation information:

For Built Work submissions involving both interior and exterior design:

- One (1) Site Plan drawing showing site in context
- One (1) Floor Plan drawing
- One (1) Section drawing
- Three (3) exterior photographic images
- Two (2) interior photographic images.
- Up to (6) optional images. Optional images may be singular or composite – photos, drawings and/or diagrams at the submitter's discretion

For Built Work submissions involving interior architecture only:

- One (1) Floor Plan drawing
- One (1) Section drawing
- Four (4) Interior photographic images
- Up to (8) Optional images. Optional images may be singular or composite – photos, drawings and/or diagrams at the submitter's discretion

For Built Work submissions involving restoration, preservation, and adaptive reuse:

- Two of the optional images shall be used for existing condition images

For Unbuilt Work submissions:

- One (1) Site Plan drawing showing site in context
- One (1) Floor Plan drawing
- One (1) Section drawing
- Up to (11) optional images. Optional images may be singular or composite – photos, drawings and/or diagrams at the submitter’s discretion

For Architecture Detail submissions:

- One (1) plan detail and/or one (1) section detail
- Three (3) images with at least one (1) image showing context
- Up to six (6) optional images – photos, drawings and/or diagrams at the submitter’s discretion

Additional Requirements:

- Drawings shall be clear with scale shown
- Exterior images should show the building in context and should show the principle exposed sides of the building.
- **Nothing that identifies the firm in any way is permitted on any of the slides.**
- **Framework for Design Excellence** – You will be asked to link your project to at least one of the top 10 measures. See page 3. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Marketing Image:

You will be required to submit an image that represents the project. Please include photographer credit for AIA publicity purposes. (High resolution jpg: 300 dpi and 8”x10”)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- How will I know my submission has been received? *Upon submitting your entry, you will receive a confirmation email containing your submission details. Please check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your confirmation email.*
- Do I have to start and finish my submission in one session? *No. You can start your submission, save it, and come back to finish it before the deadline date.*
- Can I revise my submission after I have hit the ‘Save and Finalize’ button? *Yes, but you will need to contact Rachel Hudson at rudson@aiacolumbus.org to receive the correct permission to revise the entry.*

Please send any questions regarding the 2023 AIA Columbus Architecture Awards to Rachel Hudson at rudson@aiacolumbus.org.