Honor Awards

Before You Submit

INTRODUCTION & TIMELINE

AIA Seattle Honor Awards

Call for Submissions

Designing a vibrant future. In this time of transition and possibility, it is more important than ever to ask powerful questions: *What kind of world do we want to leave future generations? What is our role in bringing about a thriving future? How can our design solutions address ecological and social needs and what new collaborators bring additional wisdom to the design table?*

You play a vital role in showcasing the design leadership and transformative projects in our region and beyond, and we encourage you to share your work by submitting to AIA Seattle's 2023 Honor Awards for Washington Architecture. Here are some of this year's highlights:

- **We encourage submitters to celebrate the people and places that shape their projects** by showcasing the role of all collaborators that contribute to the vision and impact of these projects.
- You'll see that we've **updated the information requested for the Energy, Carbon, and Water measures in the 2024 Common App for Design Excellence** as AIA Seattle continues to advocate for and demonstrate solutions to climate change. All BUILT submitters are required to complete the Common App to the best of their ability and convey their approach to sustainable design.
- With your feedback, **we've revamped our approach to Project Tours** as part of the Jury Process. Read the Project Tour Guidelines to learn more!
- We invite you to join colleagues to celebrate outstanding design and strengthen our amazing community. This year's **Live Event is Monday, November 4 at Town Hall Seattle**, and we can't wait to start the party at 5:30pm!

Every project is part of a larger interconnected system and provides an opportunity to enhance and improve the whole. As architects, we occupy a unique and powerful position in this effort, shaping the future of our region and participating in the evolution of our communities through the process of design.

On behalf of the Honor Awards Committee and AIA Seattle, we invite you to consider how your project moves us in the direction of designing a vibrant future.

— **Rachael Meyer ASLA & Jennifer Barnes AIA**
Co-chairs, Honor Awards Committee

Key Details

Dates + Deadlines

August 1, 2024 – Submissions open

September 5, 12-1pm – [Submitter Support Office Hours with Committee & UW IDL](#)

September 11, 5pm – Early bird submission deadline

September 25, 5pm – Final submission deadline. All submission form(s) and payment must be completed online by this deadline, no exceptions.

October 3 – Submissions posted to the online gallery for public viewing

November 4 – 2024 Honor Awards Live Event

EARLY BIRD ENTRY FEES
Prices below increase 15% after 5pm PDT September 11, 2024

	Firm Network	Individual AIA / Allied Member	Non-Member	Emerging Professional*	Student
BUILT	$410	$455	$545	$200	$40
CONCEPTUAL	$235	$265	$410	$140	$40
RESEARCH & INNOVATION	$235	$265	$410	$140	$40

Emerging Professionals are licensed architects or design professionals with less than 10 years of experience. Any work produced for a firm is not eligible for submission at the Emerging Professional price.

Reduced rate options are available! *Submit the [Scholarship / Reduced Rate Request Form](#) to andreaa@aiaseattle.org by 5pm September 11.*

Ready to Submit?

REQUIREMENTS & STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

Submission Categories

The AIA Seattle Honor Awards seeks submissions in the categories of **BUILT**, **CONCEPTUAL**, and **RESEARCH & INNOVATION** which encompass and celebrate the forefront of Washington architectural design.

	BUILT	CONCEPTUAL	RESEARCH & INNOVATION
CHOOSING A CATEGORY	Submit **completed built works** to the BUILT category	Submit **unbuilt works** to the CONCEPTUAL category	Submit **projects, components** or **processes** focused on innovative design strategies, systems and technologies to the RESEARCH & INNOVATION category
PURPOSE + RECOGNITION	Recognizes a diversity of built project scales, from smaller human-scaled work (i.e. installations) to traditional building-scaled work (i.e. residential or institutional projects) to larger civic-scaled plans (i.e. TOD developments)	Recognizes the unbuilt projects that inspire us, further our understanding of design, and encourage our creative exploration of the built environment	Recognizes forward-thinking advancements and the exemplary application of research used to inform practice
EXAMPLES Include, but aren't limited to:	• Details • Furniture • Installations • Unenclosed Structures • Residential • Institutional • Commercial • Civic • Master Plans/Campus Plans • Urban District Plans • Transit Oriented Development Districts • Civic Improvements • Redevelopment	• Competition Entries • Student or Thesis Work • Unbuilt Projects	• Research & Development • Technologies • Fabrication • Building Components or Systems • Sustainable Strategies • Resiliency/Adaptation • Construction Details • Design Process • Social/Community Impact • Research-focused Student or Thesis Work

Eligibility

	BUILT	CONCEPTUAL	RESEARCH & INNOVATION
PROJECT ELIGIBILITY	Eligible if **completed after November 2019**	Eligible if **initiated after November 2019**	Eligible if **completed or initiated after November 2019**
SUBMITTER ELIGIBILITY	**Professional license is required by at least one person on the design team**	**Professional license is not required**	**Professional license is not required**
	Registered architects or designers practicing in Washington are eligible regardless of the project's location. Out of state architects and their offices are also eligible, provided that their submitted Built projects are located within Washington State. If the design team includes more than one office of practice, any member of the project team may submit the joint project. All members of the design team must be acknowledged in the entry and should be aware of the submission.		
AWARD ELIGIBILITY	Eligible for **Honor**, **Merit**, **Honorable Mention**, and **Energy in Design** Awards + **Young Voices Selection**	Eligible for **Merit** and **Honorable Mention** Awards	Eligible for **Merit** and **Honorable Mention** Awards
	Firms are encouraged to re-enter projects previously submitted if they did not win an award. Projects that have received an AIA Seattle award are not eligible for another award. Any project that credits a juror as architect, associate architect, consultant, or client is ineligible and will be disqualified if submitted. If a juror is aware of the firm submitting a project, for any reason, they must recuse themselves from commentary or discussion of that submission.		

Tell Your Project Story

DESIGNING A VIBRANT FUTURE

Every year, jurors praise submissions that clearly communicate the project story. *What concepts and considerations drove the design? How did the design team creatively address the project parameters and client goals? What benefit or impact does the project create for its occupants and for the larger context? Ultimately, what makes this an award-winning project?*

Submit to start a dialogue.

+ Consider how the jury will interpret one or more Jury Considerations when developing your project's design story (see pg. 14).

We encourage submitters to use the project narrative, captions, and inclusion of diagrams and process work as opportunities to graphically tell a design story.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD SUBMISSION?

The submitted projects that receive awards have one thing in common; they clearly convey the design process in a way that answers the What, Where, Why, and How of the project.

Check out this year's *What Makes a Good Submission?* video resource pulled together by members of the Honor Awards Committee to demonstrate how some of the 2023 award winners crafted their project story.

Get inspired! *Refer to past galleries for examples of award-winning submissions!*

Submit before the final deadline **5pm PDT on September 25, 2024.**

aiaseattle. submittable.com /submit

Submission Overview

Submit the following components before the final deadline **5pm PDT on September 25, 2024.**

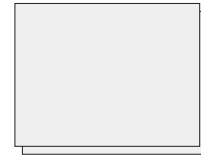→ **aiaseattle.submittable.com/submit**

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GALLERY IMAGES

*Anonymous
Requirements on pg. 10

Gallery Image
1 primary image to represent your project

Additional Images
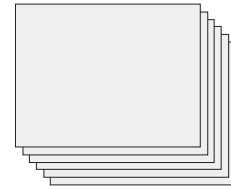2 additional images that may be included in a catalog, in the event of an award

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SUBMISSION PACKAGE

*Anonymous for jury review
Requirements on pg. 10

Project Summary
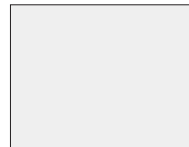1 page

Project Story
1 page

Graphic Representation
13 pages max

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PUBLICITY PACKAGE

*For public presentation
Requirements on pg. 11
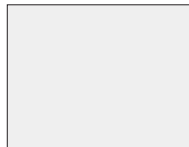
Project Image
1 page

Design Team
1 page

Collaborators
1 page

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COMMON APP FOR DESIGN EXCELLENCE

*Built submissions only, anonymous for jury review
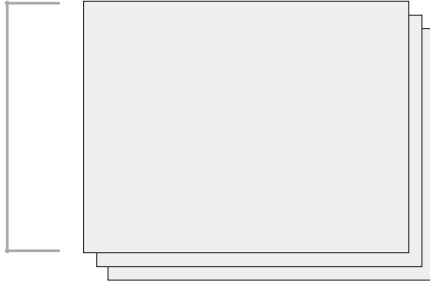*Requirements on pg. 12*

Excel File

Submission Requirements

FORMAT FOR ANONYMOUS* SUBMISSION FILES **JPG** 2MB max • **PDF** 20MB max • **8.5 x 11" • LANDSCAPE**

GALLERY ANONYMOUS*

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GALLERY IMAGES
- 3 total
- Single image only, no text

**File Name: ProjectNameGallery_Image#.jpg
(ex. "TheHouseGallery_01.jpg")**

*ANONYMOUS

No mention or view of submitting firm, team or collaborators in any text or project images.

(ex. "TheHouse.pdf")

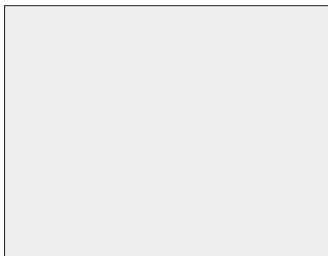## SUBMISSION PACKAGE ANONYMOUS FOR JURY REVIEW*

B.1
PROJECT SUMMARY
- PROJECT NAME
- LOT SIZE (if applicable)
- PROJECT SIZE (if applicable)
- LOCATION (city + state only)
- PRIMARY PROJECT TYPE

**File Name: ProjectName_File#.jpg
(ex. "TheHouse_01.jpg")**

B.2
PROJECT STORY
- In 500 words or less, start a dialogue with the jury (see pg. 11)

**File Name: ProjectName_File#.jpg
(ex. "TheHouse_02.jpg")**

B.3
GRAPHIC REPRESENTATION
- 13 pages max
- Keep captions to a minimum
- You can include DIAGRAMS, PROCESS
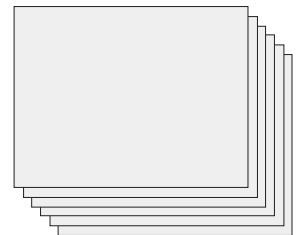- WORK, PHOTOGRAPHS, SITE PLANS, DETAILS, SECTIONS, SKETCHES, etc.

**File Name: ProjectName_File#.jpg
(ex. "TheHouse_03.jpg", "TheHouse_04.jpg", etc.)**

B.4
+ PDF VERSION
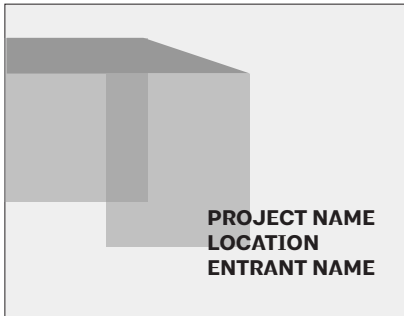Convert all Submission Package JPGs (B.1-3)
into a single PDF
(15 pg max, 20MB max)

File Name: ProjectName.pdf

Publicity Package

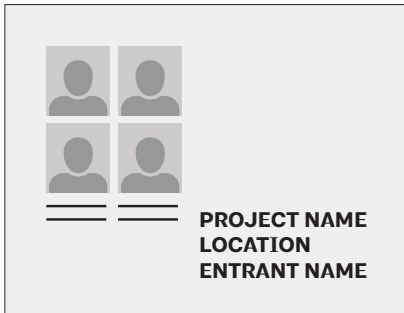FORMAT FOR PUBLICITY FILES   **JPG** 2MB max • **8.5X11" • LANDSCAPE**

C.1

PROJECT NAME
LOCATION
ENTRANT NAME

PROJECT IMAGE
- Include Project Name, Location, Entrant Name
- Image

File Name: ProjectNamePublicity_File#.jpg
(ex. "TheHousePublicity_01.jpg")

C.2

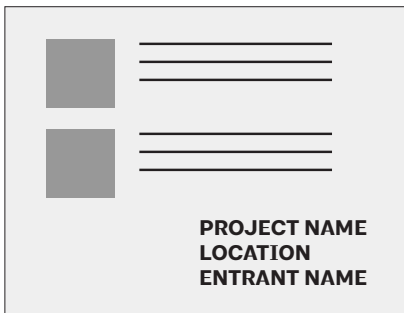**PROJECT NAME**
LOCATION
ENTRANT NAME

DESIGN TEAM
- Include Project Name, Location, Entrant Name
- + Design Team credits*

File Name: ProjectNamePublicity_File#.jpg
(ex. "TheHousePublicity_02.jpg")

*Please list project information and credits exactly as they should appear in all publicity and (in the event of an award) on the recognition materials. Accuracy is the sole responsibility of the submitter.

C.3

PROJECT NAME
LOCATION
ENTRANT NAME

COLLABORATORS
- Include Project Name, Location, Entrant Name
- + Collaborator credits*

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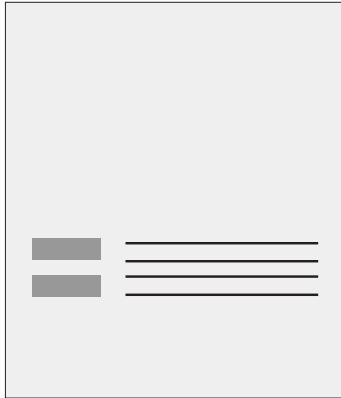**(ex. "TheHousePublicity_03.jpg")**

The Common App

Download the updated **2024 Common App for Design Excellence** (format for file .xls)

aiaseattle.org/CommonApp2024

THE COMMON APP FOR DESIGN EXCELLENCE
ANONYMOUS FOR JURY REVIEW*

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D.1

EXCEL FILE
File Name: ProjectName_CommonApp.xls
(ex. "TheHouse_CommonApp.xls")

*ANONYMOUS

No mention of submitting firm, team
or collaborators in any text.

Now in its fifth year, AIA Seattle is implementing an updated 2024 Common App for Design Excellence, with changes to the Energy, Carbon, and Water measures. All applicable BUILT submitters are required* to complete the Common App. To qualify for the Energy in Design Award, the submitted project must meet the 2030 Challenge criteria or better. The Common App raises awareness of the Framework for Design Excellence and is a revolutionary opportunity to move toward design that supports climate action.
Refer to the legend in the Common App for minimum required fields.

Use the Performance Statement to describe how sustainable design strategies elevate design excellence and the impact of your project. Creative, clear, and compelling storytelling is encouraged!

WANT DIRECT SUPPORT WITH YOUR SUBMISSION OR THE COMMON APP FOR DESIGN EXCELLENCE?

Join the Integrated Design Lab and members of the Honor Awards Committee for **Submitter Support Office Hours** on **September 5, 12–1pm PT**. Additionally, the **Integrated Design Lab is available by email until September 23, 5pm PT**. E-mail Teresa Moroseos (teresafm@uw.edu) with the subject line "AIA Seattle Common App." Visit aiaseattle.org/honorawards2024 for more info.

Special thanks to the Integrated Design Lab and sponsor BetterBricks for their partnership on the Energy in Design Award.

I've Submitted. What's Next?

JUDGING & AWARDS

Jury Process

JURY CONSIDERATIONS

In addition to the jury's own criteria, the AIA Seattle community has identified four considerations for their review process:

INSPIRATION | How does the project manifest its stated intent—in form and function—revealing innovation in both thought and practice?

PROBLEM-SOLVING | How does the project creatively address challenges inherent in its site, budget, program, materials, collaboration, and context? What are the organizing principles informing design?

ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITY | How does the project exhibit serious intent to minimize negative environmental impact and enhance its relationship to the environment?

SOCIAL IMPACT | How does the project engage the community in which it is situated? How does it help promote a vibrant, equitable, and just community?

Curious about this year's jury? Stay tuned for the announcement in early September!

JURY DELIBERATIONS

Jury Deliberations will occur during Jury Weekend in Seattle, November 1-4, 2024:

- **Friday, October 25** | The jury completes their initial review of all submitted projects. During this review, they will determine which eligible BUILT projects they would like to visit.
    - Honor Awards Committee will contact and coordinate visits with Site Visit Contacts (indicated by submitters) by Monday, October 28. **Site Visit Contacts must be authorized to organize a hosted site visit on Sunday, November 3.**
    - **SITE VISITS ARE ANONYMOUS. The project design team shall not be present nor notified.** *Reference the Project Tour Guidelines for a full process overview.*
- **Friday, November 1** | The jury arrives in Seattle
- **Saturday, November 2** | The jury deliberates and determines a shortlist of projects and prepares for project tours the next day.
- **Sunday, November 3** | Project tours occur, followed by the jury finalizing their selection of this year's award recipients for all award categories (see pg. 15).
- **Monday, November 4** | The jury will discuss and present their official award selections for the first time on-stage at the Live Event at Town Hall Seattle.

Awards are the final determination of the jury.

Award Categories

AIA Seattle's Honor Awards for Washington Architecture recognizes four levels of achievement:

Honor Award

Represents the highest level of achievement

Merit Award

Represents exceptional achievement

Honorable Mention

Represents distinguished achievement

Energy in Design Award

Represents a balance of design achievement and exemplary energy performance

AIA Seattle dictates no minimum or maximum number of awards given, except for the Energy in Design Award, where only one qualifying BUILT project may be awarded. Awards are the final determination of the jury.

Young Voices Selection

The Young Voices Selection (YVS) program aims to elevate and engage the voices of young designers through direct participation and representation in AIA Seattle's Honor Awards for Washington Architecture.

Three young designers (30 years of age or younger), endorsed by firm/industry leaders and selected by the Honor Awards Committee, will be given the opportunity to review, deliberate, and then select **ONE Built project submission recognized as the "Young Voices Selection" at the Live Event.**

The Young Voices use the same Jury Considerations as the Jury and add their own criteria and perspective during the review and award selection process. (see pg. 14).

Nominate a Young Voice!

WHO IS A 'YOUNG' VOICE?

The YVS program aims to reinforce the value of young perspectives considering both career experience and generational/lived experience. After leaving the creative hub and intellectual rigor of university, young people often find themselves without clear and direct avenues to participate in serious design discourse, though they are appreciated for their technical expertise. The Young Voices Selection program elevates young designers for their unique perspectives, and the YVS program establishes a sanctioned platform for these perspectives to be widely shared.

ELIGIBILITY + NOMINATION

Nominees for the Young Voices Selection Panel must be **30 years of age or younger** and may not currently be enrolled in any undergraduate or graduate education programs.

Complete the YVS Nomination Form to nominate a 'Young Voice' by 5pm PDT on September 11, 2024.

Questions?

Need Technical Support? Submittable, **support@submittable.com**

About Submitting? Zoë Guckenheimer, **zoeg@aiaseattle.org** 206-957-1912

About the Live Event? Andrea Aguilera, **andreaa@aiaseattle.org** 206-957-1909

About Sponsorship? Zee Mars, **zeem@aiaseattle.org** 206-957-1922

AIA Seattle support is availableTuesday-Thursday 10:00am - 5:00pm.

*Questions **may not be** directed to or answered by the jurors.*

PHOTO RELEASE

By participating, all entrants grant AIA Seattle a non-exclusive license to post the entries in an online gallery so that the public and press may view all competing entries. In addition, each winner grants to AIA Seattle a license for use of all entries in connection with AIA Seattle Honor Awards, in any media or AIA Seattle sponsored exhibitions of the work, now or hereafter known. AIA Seattle will not be required to pay any additional consideration or seek any additional approval in connection with such use. Submission to this program implies permission from the project owner, and releases AIA Seattle from any responsibility of seeking permissions from owners, photographers, or any project-related stakeholders. Inclusion of photos implies permission from the photographer. Correct attribution is the sole responsibility of the submitter.

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